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A FORMAL NOTICE

OF BLOCKADE TO BEGIN SATURDAY AT 3 P. M. IS GIVEN VENEZUELA.

THE CASE RESTS WITH BOWEN

That American Minister Will Conduct Arbitration Negotiations.

It is learned from that the allies today Venezuelan authorities of the blockade, to be Saturday at 3 p. m. of Guaira, Puerto Cabello , Carupano and Bar-

Supports Belgium.

The Brussels cor- le Telegraph says Ger- ing the claims of Bel- Venezuela which amount

A WAR BLOCKADE.

Is Fully Informed As To All Proceedings.

Dec. 18.—As understood ade to be declared uela Saturday is to be ce' as contrasted with ade' In operation since assumed an acute stage. ment of the blockade will by the United States. ent will maintain an at- rality, but it not yet de- a proclamation to that issued. The government med of the intention of the operations against the notice of formal block- understood to mean Bowen's Venezuelan difficulties has he has not had time to gotintions to the point ght reasonably expect the the remainder of their

positively that Bowen's hat Venezuela is ready to ms ultimatum will not in- guarantee by the United Venezuela's liabilities.

CONDEMNS ENGLAND.

Union Thinks Arbitration Should Have Been Asked.

Dec. 18—The executive the British branch of onal Union, passed a res- evening, expressing re- Great Britain had engaged with Venezuela without at- secure arbitration in ac- with The Hague peace con- ing the people of the s to protest against war upon any American state mission and refusal of an ate. Copies of the res- be sent Lord Lansdowne Hay.

GOING BACK ON FRANCE.

Think Italian Claims Should Have Precedence.

Dec. 18—The second Demargerie, French the state department at a very unusual happening, to be connected with of his government to safe- an interests in Venezuela. the other powers con- ights right of France to ts the her, but are now to look more favorably upon of priority because of ims being older, should take

WANT AMERICAN GUARANTEE.

Demands Assurance That Venezuela Will Pay.

Dec. 18—It is not appar- ething definite has result- s cabinet meeting with transmission by the of the United States of request for arbitration. Bellaires White was in the foreign office through- he transmitted a long the state department at but this communication is to contain anything in of a final decision. All are being conducted ordinary secrecy, but it is probable that White's des- Washington have con- ions from the British gov- with regard to Hay's views possibility of Venezuela car- the award of arbitration. Associated Press is in position Great Britain is making efforts to induce the United guarantee Venezuela's com- with the findings of arbitra-

COURTEOUS BUT FIRM.

Presents Venezuela With a Claim.

Washington, Dec. 18.—It was learned that France has addressed a to Venezuela in which she takes ion that French claims aris- 1899, when Castro became should have as favorable treatment as is given the claims of other countries. As to claims prior to 1899 France says they shall be met according to most favored nation treaty clause and be met out of customs receipts. The note is courteous but firm. France, it is announced, will make no demonstration against Venezuela.

Emanuel Hopes for Peace.

Rome, Dec. 18—King Victor Emmanuel granted an audience today to Comaminder De Nevillis of the Italian cruiser Agordat, which has received orders to proceed to Venezuela. His majesty said he hoped for a speedy and happy ending, without complications with other powers, of the Venezuelan affair.

LEAVE IT ALL WITH BOWEN

Venezuela Places Case in Hands of American Minister.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs has transmitted to Minister Bowen a document recognizing Bowen as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

According to the terms Bowen may act without restriction, and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela.

Events here are dependent upon the receipt of answers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the proposal of arbitration advanced by Venezuela, which are expected tomorrow.

Should they be favorable the Venezuelan government desires a conference with ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the United States to be held in Washington and that Bowen will meet the ambassadors there. No meeting to discuss terms of settlement will be held on Venezuelan soil.

Germans Capture Schooner.

La Guaira, Dec. 18.—The German cruiser Falke, today captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria at Lake Maracaibo after disabling her, the Germans abandoned the vessel. This action caused great indignation and excitement runs high at Maracaibo where the people are parading the streets uttering cries against Great Britain and Germany.

HERNANDEZ CALLS

Revolutionist Pays His Respects To Bowen.

Caracas, Dec. 18—"El Mocho" Hernandez, former revolutionary leader paid his respects to Minister Bowen today. This afternoon Castro called at the legation, where he stayed for some time. Merchants of all nationalities here hope the arbitration proposal will be accepted.

The British and German ships of war are paying daily visits to Margarita Island.

CASTRO GROWS FURIOUS

When It is Suggested that Venezuela Has Accepted Ultimatum.

Caracas, Dec. 18—Today the correspondent of the Associated Press saw President Castro and questioned him in regard to the report published in the United States that the Anglo-German ultimatum had been accepted by Venezuela. The president became furious with it and said there was no truth in the report. He said the acceptance of the ultimatum cannot be coupled with arbitration. Besides the Anglo-German ultimatum in its note properly speaking is not an ultimatum.

When asked if it was true that Venezuela was taking diplomatic steps to arrange for arbitration and that arrangements in this connection were well advanced, President Castro said, "Venezuela does not propose to determine on any steps while the proposition for arbitration that the legation of the United States was charged to present to Great Britain and Germany, remains unanswered."

FELLOW SERVANT LAW.

Federal Supreme Court Will Pass Upon Missouri Cases.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 18—The Missouri fellow servant law will be passed upon by the federal supreme court.

The Missouri supreme court in a recent opinion in the case of Callahan against the Merchants' Bridge and Terminal railroad Co. of St. Louis held that the law applies to all classes of railroad employes.

Col. John H. Overall of St. Louis for the railroad company was here this morning and sued out a writ of error in the Federal court and appealed the case to the supreme court of the United States.

Gould's Broker Retires.

New York, Dec. 18—Horace L. Hotchkiss, who was Jay Gould's broker and one of the oldest members of the stock exchange, has sold his seat and will retire from Wall street after a career of forty-five years. He was one of the organizers of the Nicaraguan Canal association.

Potters Organize.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—The National Association of operative Potters was organized today. It includes 150 firms in all part of the country.

NEW WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION AFFORDS AN OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE THE CHANGES.

THE INTERIOR IS GORGEOUS

Decorations And Furnishings Beautiful And Great Rooms Show Result of Artistic Taste.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a dinner at the White House tonight in honor of the cabinet, to which a large number of other guests also were invited. It was the first formal evening function at the White house since its remodeling and gave the guests an opportunity to view the changes made in the interior of the mansion. The table was set in the form of a semi-circle and the decorations were mainly red and white roses.

Besides the members of the cabinet and their ladies the guests included Senator Frye president pro tem of the senate; Speaker and Mrs. Henderson; several leading senators and representatives and a number of private citizens and their ladies. The guests found many changes had been made. The greatest object of interest was the east room, which has been finished in white enameled woodwork, with corinthian pilasters and panels. The old chandeliers were removed and in their places are others designed in crystal loops and festoons of cut glass, each chandelier being composed of 7,000 pieces. The red, blue and green parlors have undergone a complete renovation and make a rich showing in their respective colors.

The main feature of the alteration noted as one enters is the removal of the stair case partition which separated the vestibule from the long red corridor back of it; this making the whole one large open space and giving free space for moving and accommodating crowds which attend evening receptions. The general effect of the lower portion of the house with the exception of the state dining room and parlors, is white.

WHEELER IN LINE.

For Once the Kentucky Democrat Agrees With the Administration.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Wheeler, the Kentucky democrat who gained national prominence at the last session of congress by an attack on the administration for providing transportation and entertainment for Prince Henry of Germany, a proceedure which he denounced as "truculent sycophancy" said today:

"I believe I echoed the sentiments of the many people in that speech, but that does not signify that I am unfriendly to the German people—nor should that be accepted as an indication that I am not level headed or well balanced on international questions. I may make a speech when the Venezuelan question comes up in the house, but it will not be a sensational one. I don't believe that this country can afford to interfere every time one of those rebellious South American republics defies international law. If we did, we would be at war all the time. Venezuela ought to be made to pay her debts, and so long as no act contrary to the Monroe doctrine is committed, we should not interfere. It seems an absurd position to destroy a creditors property because he will not pay his debts, but then that's the other fellow's policy, not ours. We will have to keep a pretty close eye on things, however, and the first indication of a disregard of our rights should be sharply corrected."

CLUB FOOT

Dr. Lorenz Performs His First Operation for this Deformity.

New York, Dec. 18.—Dr. Lorenz undertook yesterday his operation for the correction of the deformity of club foot. The operation was performed at the Post Graduate Hospital. Dr. Lorenz's operation is not unlike his treatment of hip dislocation. This is to say, its first essential principle is the destruction of the elasticity of the muscles which hold the foot in its abnormal position. This accomplished, he put the member in normal position fixes it there for a period and then relies on nature to accommodate herself to the new conditions and restore the muscles.

The subject of yesterday's operation was a boy less than three years old, whose right foot was turned inward toward the other foot. Dr. Lorenz explained what he was going to do and then, resting the tiny foot upon a bridge, he proceeded to knead it, or crunch it on that support and within his powerful hand.

Arrested a Second Time.

Iron Mountain, Mich., Dec. 18.—Nels Erickson was again arrested on charge of the murder of his father, who disappeared last May but the body was not discovered until November. The son was arrested at the time but discharged.

CUT THE PHILIPINE TARIFF

House Decides Products From Island Shall Pay 25 per cent of Dingley Law.

PURE FOOD LAW CONSIDERED.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The house today passed the bill to reduce the duties on products of the Philippine Islands coming into the United States from 75 per cent of the Dingley rates, (present duties), to 25 per cent of those rates. The discussion of the bill was accompanied by considerable maneuvering on the democratic side to secure test votes on various amendments designed to lower the tariff barrier still further, and a record vote was forced on a motion to recommit with instructions to report the bill providing for absolute free trade with the islands. The division on this proposition was on party lines with the exception of McCall, republican of Massachusetts, who voted with the democrats.

The discussion of the pure food bill, which has been made continued order until disposed of, was begun. Mr. Tompkins of Ohio, and Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, opened the debate respectively for and against the bill. Mr. Gardner of Massachusetts opposed the bill.

The McCall resolution calling on the state department for the correspondence in the Venezuelan imbroglio was adopted at the beginning of the session.

The secretary of the interior today transmitted to the house a copy of the agreement with Indians of Fort Bartholdt Indian reservation South Dakota and draft of the bill ratifying it.

KING EDWARD'S SPEECH

In Proroguing Parliament Expresses Regret at Situation.

London, Dec. 18—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon until February 17. The king's speech was unusually lengthy the recapitulation covering events since January last. Regarding Venezuela he said: "I regret the constant complaints which my government found it necessary to address the government of Venezuela in regard to unjustifiable and arbitrary acts against British subjects and property during the last two years have been persistently disregarded and it has become necessary for my government acting in concert with that of his imperial majesty, the German emperor, which has also serious causes for complaint against the republic, to insist on measures of redress."

The king believed the alliance between Great Britain and Japan will be of great advantage to both countries and contribute to the maintainance of general pence in the extreme east.

MASCAGNI'S BAGGAGE

Held Up By Hoosier Baggageman Thursday Morning.

Indianapolis, Dec. 18—Mascagni was to have gone to Cincinnati at 10:50 this morning. He did not go and this afternoon the union station is besieged by his Italian musicians. If a truce is declared with the local baggagemaster Mascagni hopes to get off in time to fill his Cincinnati engagement tonight. He has a special contract covering his baggage. Last night after the finances of the local concert were cleared, a demand was made for the local baggage transportation. Mascagni's representative said the money was not due until the baggage was delivered at the train. In consequence the baggage was locked up and Mascagni was frantic.

GOVERNOR-ELECT BARS BALL

Methodists Are Opposed to Dancing. —Promoters Give Up.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18.—"I am a Methodist, gentleman and Methodists are opposed to dancing," said Governor-Elect Mickey when asked by a committee of the Lincoln Commercial Club about his plans for the inaugural ball.

"I am a trustee of the Wesleyan university and it would be as much as my good name is worth to even give my consent to such a function, much less attend it."

Arrangements for the ball had been completed and there is great sorrow in Lincoln society circles.

BEGGAR WORTH $100,000.

Money and Papers Found on His Person After Death.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18—Eli Hyman, who begged for admission to the general hospital here on Saturday, is dead. An examination of his clothing resulted in finding scrip worth $31,000. Other papers showed him to be worth $100,000.

For 20 years he has slept in sheds and stables. He sold papers and begged. His heirs are his wife and daughter, living, it is thought, in San Francisco.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 18.—During a fight at a dance tonight John Broach was shot dead, H. M. Mathews, fatally and Frank Mathews slightly wounded.

THE ELASTICITY

OF THE CURRENCY DISCUSSED BY COMPTROLLER RIDGELEY BEFORE THE NEW YORK BANKERS.

CONSERVATIVE CHANGES

Will Result in Greatly Improved Conditions—Suggests Uniform System Under Government Supervision.

New York, Dec. 18.—Comptroller Ridgeley spoke on "Elasticity of the Currency" at the banquet of the state bankers association tonight.

Ridgeley said that one great objection which can be fairly made to the National Banking system is the lack of elasticity in the currency issued. Any complete and satisfactory solution of the present currency problems should include some plan for the retirement of legal tender, he said. He believed the bank note circulation could be greatly improved by a few conservative changes. He advocated the removal of the prohibition of retirement of more than five million dollars national bank notes in any calendar month because, he said, it not only prevented a contraction of the currency when notes have become redundant but also prevents expension when needed. Continuing he said whatever elasticity is to be had must be supplied by bank notes and this adds to the necessity of giving them the greatest measure of this quality. He thought the best plan suggested is to allow the banks to issue more than the par value of bonds deposited. First consideration should be to make these notes absolutely secure to the holder.

The government, he said, can safely guarantee or insure these notes if protected by bonds held for a part of their value, and, in addition by a guarantee fund to be raised by tax or premium for the insurance, levied on bank circulation. Mr. Ridgeley believed it would be better for business if commercial banking were done by banks in a uniform system under government supervision.

Addresses were also delivered by President Wilson of Princeton University; Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur; Major General Chaffee and John S. Wise.

Dr. Lorenz, of Vienna, surgeon, arrived late at the banquet, and was called upon for an address. In response he told some of his experiences. He said at Chicago the board of health required him to undergo an examination in medicine although he thought he knew something of his profession. Some weeks later he was made a doctor of laws though he knew nothing of law.

"Taught by that experience," said Lorenz, "I shall not talk more to you, gentlemen, because I fear if I stay here longer you will make me a banker, because I know nothing of banking."

DEATH FREES FERGUSON

Negro Convicted of the Murder of Dr. Barnes at Jacksonville Died In Prison.

HE SERVED ONLY A FEW MONTHS

Springfield, Ill. Dec. 18.—Information has been received that William Ferguson, the Quincy negro, who several months ago was sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of Dr. Joseph Barnes, of Monticello, whom he gave poisoned candy in the insane hospital at Jacksonville, was buried yesterday at Chester, he having died of consumption, which it is supposed he contracted from the dust from an emery wheel over which he was working, settling in his lungs.

NOVELIST CHURCHILL ILL.

But His Condition at Present is Not Alarming.

St. Louis, Dec. 18—Winston Churchill, novelist, recently elected to the New Hampshire legislature, is ill in this city. His condition is not serious.

Chair of Church History.

Louisville, Dec. 18—The directors of the Presbyterian Theological seminary of Kentucky, today selected Rev. Dr. Henry E. Dosker, of Holland, Mich., for the chair of church history.

Earthquakes in Costa Rica.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 18—Two violent earthquake shocks were experienced here today. No casualties.

Meet at Detroit.

Detroit, Dec. 18—The executive committee of the army of Santiago de Cuba selected Detroit for the encampment on July 16 and 17 next.

Death Record.

Marion, Mass. Dec. 18.—Hon Hosea M. Knowlton, former attorney general of Massachusetts, died tonight.

BURIAL OF MRS. GRANT

Brief Funeral Services Will Be Held in Washington Saturday Morning.

INTERMENT AT RIVERSIDE.

Washington, Dec. 18—Arrangements were completed today for the funeral of the late Mrs. Julia Dent Grant. There will be funeral services at Metropolitan church in this city Saturday morning. Immediately after the service the funeral party will leave for New York City. There the body will be taken to the Grant Tomb, Riverside, where Grant Post, Grand Army of the Republic, will serve as a guard of honor. The committal service will occur Sunday morning. Special military honors will be paid the dead woman and all army and navy officers in New York City and vicinity will attend. The honorary pall bearers in this city will be Speaker Henderson, Secretaries Root and Wilson, Major General Greenville M. Dodge, Senators Cullom, Kean, Fairbanks, Allison, Foraker and Platt, of New York; John R. McLean of Ohio; J. J. Bancroft Davis of Washington.

PROPOSED NEW LINE

To Shorten Time Between Chicago and the Coast.

Los Angeles, Calif. Dec. 18.—President Ripley and associates have incorporated the Eastern Railway of New Mexico. The road is 265 miles long and will extend from Rio Puerto to a point near Texico, on the eastern New Mexico boundary line. It will give the Santa Fe two routes between Chicago and Los Angeles and by shortening the Kansas City-Chicago route will reduce by twelve hours time over land trains to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

NO HOPE FOR RELIEF.

Hard Coal Stringency Will Prevail All Winter.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The officials of the Reading railway company hold out no hope for relief of the anthracite coal stringency this winter, despite the efforts of the company to mine and ship to its full capacity. There is not a pound of coal at any of the anthracite company's storage points. It is claimed the Pennsylvania railroad is causing much delay in the shipments of coal west by not delivering cars to the coal companies.

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Murderer and Ravisher of Mrs. Garrison is Sentenced.

Hastings, Mich., Dec. 18.—Mathias H. Utseler, alias John Brantlinger today pleaded guilty to the murder of Mrs. Robert Garrison in Johnstown township Monday. He had previously admitted ravishing the victim after death.

A sentence of solitary confinement at hard labor for life in the prison at Jackson was imposed.

SPRINGFIELD PRIZE FIGHT

Took Place in Spit of Mayor Phillips' Order.

Springfield, Dec. 18—Clarence Forbes, of Chicago, knocked out Jack Kelley, of Brooklyn, in the fifth of a twenty round bout tonight.

St. Louis, Dec. 18—Jack McClelland of Pittsburg and Hughey McPadden of New York, fought 20 rounds to a draw tonight.

THE BOSS DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Sixty Miles of Ditch Costing A Million Dollars.

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 18.—The contract has been let for the construction of the first fourteen miles of ditch which, when completed will be sixty miles long and cost a million dollars. The object is to reclaim hundreds of thousands acres of Kankakee marsh lands.

PLENTY OF MONEY.

Found on Illinois Man Who Killed Himself at Mareline, Mo.

Mareline, Mo., Dec. 18—C. P. Bowdish, Elburn, Ill., shot and killed himself in a hotel here tonight. In his pockets were $865. Bowdish was here all day and conducted himself in a peculiar manner.

Bowdish shot himself immediately on going to his room this evening. A bottle of carbolic acid was found under the dead man's pillow.

Increased Wages.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The Peoria and St. Louis railroad today notified the train men that their wages will be increased ten to fifteen cents per hundred miles.

Expression of Sympathy.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Through the Japanese minister the sympathy of the Empress of Japan for the Grant family in its affliction was expressed today.

Vanderbilt's Condition.

New York, Dec. 18.—Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition was unchanged at midnight. The physicians said there was no immediate danger.

THE OTHER SIDE

OPERATORS OFFER TESTIMONY TO SHOW REIGN OF TERROR DURING THE STRIKE.

MR. GRAY ON THE BOYCOTT

Chairman of the Commission is Decidedly Opposed to It—Will Adjourn Saturday.

Scranton, Dec. 18—The strike commission listened today to testimony tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the coal fields during the mine workers' strike. The witnesses told of the boycott, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys and an attempt to burn the house of a non union man. In most instances the witnesses testified the alleged offenders were members of the union. The lawyers for the miners objected frequently. Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves as far as possible to direct evidence. The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied.

Chairman Gray severely denounced boycotts and boycotters. The witnesses testified their wives were insulted on the streets, children beaten by other children and could not be safely sent to school; that local unions requested storekeepers to refrain from selling goods to any one related to a man working in the mines, that their houses were stoned; that they were stoned, shot at, hung in effigy, and that life was generally made miserable for them and their families. Most of the witnesses connected the strikers with the offenses alleged. The lawyers for the non-union men said tonight they would continue calling witnesses to prove a reign of terror existed during the strike. The commission will adjourn at noon Saturday until January 5.

Favor Eight Hour Bill.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate committee on education and labor today agreed upon a favorable report of the house eight hour bill. The bill provides a penalty of five dollars each day each workman is required or permitted to labor more than eight hours on government work, the penalty to be withheld from the payments due the contractors. The act does not apply to contracts for transportation by land and water; and also exempts contracts for the transmission of intelligence.

ALGER IS PRONOUNCED.

In Favoring the New General Staff Bill.

Washington, Dec. 18—Secretary Root before the senate committee argued in favor of the general staff bill, but not in such detail as he did before the house committee. Senator Alger, a new member of the committee, took a decided position in support of the bill. There is no doubt the bill will be reported favorably.

Favor Convict Road Work.

Quincy, Ill. Dec. 18.—Resolutions favoring the employment of convicts on public roads was adopted by a convention here today. R. W. Richardson of the department of Agriculture at Washington delivered the principal address. He dwelt on the effectiveness of convict labor on the roads in southern states.

Iowa Philanthropist Dead.

Atlantic Iowa, Dec. 18.—Thomas Merlueth, a wealthy philanthropist of this county, died at his home near Lewis today. One of his last acts was a gift of five thousand dollars and a site for a Y. M. C. A. building in this city.

Steamship Arrivals.

Genoa, Dec. 18.—Lahn, from New York via Gibraltar, and Naples.

Queenstown—Haverford from Philadelphia to Liverpool.

London—Virginian, from Boston.

Liverpool—Teutonic, from New York.

Glasgow—Furnessia from New York

Hamburg—Pennsylvania from New York.

A Drawback.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Hill of Connecticut, today introduced a joint resolution providing for a draw back on all coal imported into the United States at Atlantic ports until June 30, 1903.

Russell Back at Work.

New York, Dec. 18.—Russell Sage was at his office today for the first time since he was taken ill two months ago.

Denver, Dec. 18—Nearly 9000 Boers, it is said, are preparing to "trek" to America and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Illinois—Fair Friday; increasing cloudiness Saturday, probably rain in south portion; fresh winds mostly south.

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MUCH REPETITION

Hight-Walker Note Case in the Circuit Court Promises to Drag on Forever.

THE WIFE WAS THE SLUGGER.

County Court December Law Term May be Adjourned Monday

The Hight-Walker note case is apparently without end. [illegible]

That was [illegible] only business [illegible] docket [illegible].

Law.

[illegible]

Chancery

[illegible]

Wife Was a Slugger

[illegible]

BUSINESS MUST MOVE.

If No Cases Are Ready for Trial Jury Will be Dismissed.

Last night Judge Smith [illegible]

[illegible] case of the people vs. Sam Stern, charged with selling liquor to minors. The jury retired at 4 o'clock and at a late hour last night had failed to agree on a verdict.

PREMIUM BUGGY COMPANY

J. S. Starr Preparing to Open His Factory on North Main Street.

RETAIL BUSINESS CONTINUES.

Joe S. Starr has completed the final arrangements for starting a buggy [illegible] in the Starr block on North Main [illegible]. The firm will be known as the Premium Buggy Company, with Joe S. Starr as the sole [illegible]. Mr. Starr returned Tuesday [illegible] from Cincinnati [illegible] will be placed in charge of the [illegible] by the first of the year. It is thought about sixty men will be employed in the start. It is the object of Mr. Starr to increase the capacity of the factory as rapidly as possible. The capacity this year will be [illegible]

[illegible] Starr. This [illegible] about 5000 [illegible] of the new [illegible] about half [illegible] this firm [illegible] increased [illegible] next season.

The Retail Store

Some member of the Starr family will conduct a retail buggy store [illegible] on Lincoln [illegible] in the old [illegible] building where the J. S. and H. C. Starr are now conducting their retail store. This department of the business will be managed by D. P. [illegible] who has successfully conducted the business for the J. S. and H. C. Starr company for the last few years. It was stated yesterday that probably a retail harness store and retail buggy store will be placed in the Starr building on Lincoln square [illegible] Starr & Son [illegible] Company with Charles Starr [illegible].

Deeds Recorded.

Jesse Fisher to Emily Tine Turner lot [illegible] in block 2 in Higgins add to Decatur—$2,000.

Martha A. [illegible] to G. W. Vaughan the south half of lot 7 in block [illegible] Robinson's add to Decatur—$1200.

[illegible] Mason to Henry L. Williams a one seventh interest in the south half of the northeast quarter and the southwest quarter of 1 15 3 east $1600.

J. A. Montgomery admin to G. W. [illegible] lots 1 to 13 in block 1 lots 3 to 17 and 20 21 22 and 28 in block [illegible] and lots 6 to 13 in block [illegible] in Englewood add to Decatur —$1664.

J. A. Montgomery admin to Barbara [illegible] lot 21 in block 11 in Walnut Grove add to Decatur and lots 8 9 [illegible] 10 in Columbia Heights add to Decatur $892.

Marriage Licenses.

Harry H. Gombert, Clinton	22
[illegible] Hull, Macon	19
James M. Carmean, Casner	23
Sarah M. Marshall, Casner	[illegible]
Herman Custer, Decatur	Legal
Emma Hartbank, Decatur	Legal
Chase M. Pling, Decatur	Legal
Mamie A. Flynn, Decatur	Legal

Mrs. Charles Bennett came home yesterday after a visit with relatives at Hammond.

Before you buy all your Christmas Presents

Take a look at our Christmas things.

Young women just dote on handsome slippers

We have them from one to four dollars.

Most women are fond of FUR TRIMMED ROMEOS.

$1.50 for the best there are.

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$1.50 buys a handsome pair, others less.

And there are shoes—that are always welcome.

A few dollars go a long ways here.





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152 E. Main St.

TALKING SH[illegible]

Circuit Clerks of Illinois Meet H[illegible] Consider Conduct of their Office.

HELD BANQUET LAST N[illegible]

The Session Will Be Continued [illegible] —Fair Attendance.

The first annual convention of circuit clerks and recorders of the [illegible] Illinois convened in the hall of [illegible] de Leon Lodge, Knights of [illegible] in the Powers building [illegible] o'clock Wednesday.

Called to Order

There were thirty-five of the [illegible] members of the association present when President George [illegible] the convention to order. He pre[illegible] Mayor Shilling, of Decatur, to [illegible] address of welcome, which [illegible], brief and to the point. President George made an app[illegible] response.

The Business

Secretary Allen called the r[illegible] membership. There were [illegible] any [illegible]

The minutes of the Springfield [illegible] were read and approved. Under the head of reports of [illegible] the hearing of the report [illegible] committee was referred [illegible] Friday morning.

By-Laws.

The committee on by-laws [illegible] report.

The object is to meet and d[illegible] matters as will enable c[illegible] clerks and recorders to better c[illegible] offices in the interests o[illegible] public and themselves, and to s[illegible] urge the members of the le[illegible] of their respective districts [illegible] passage of such laws as desired [illegible] membership fee shall be $[illegible] 00 a[illegible] $1 00 annual meeting, the [illegible] Wednesday in the month of A[illegible] Special meetings may be held on [illegible] request by any ten members [illegible] report was adopted.

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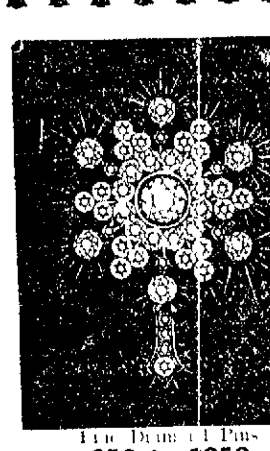
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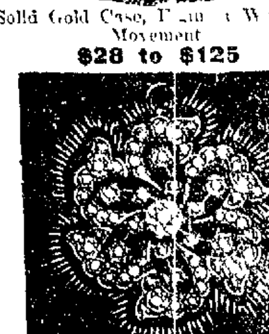
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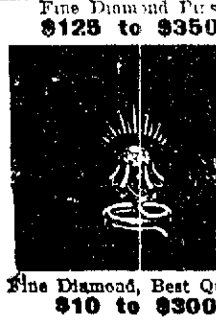
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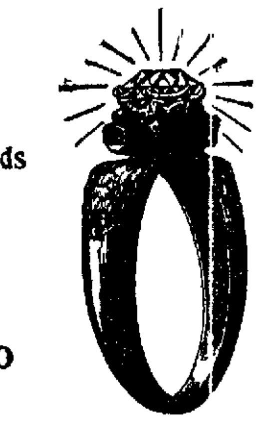


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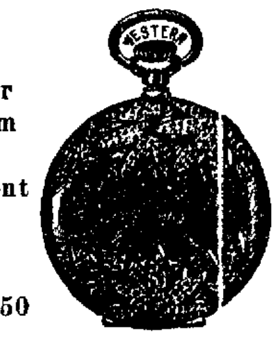
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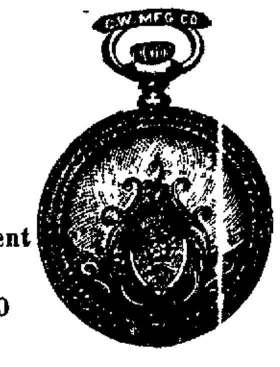
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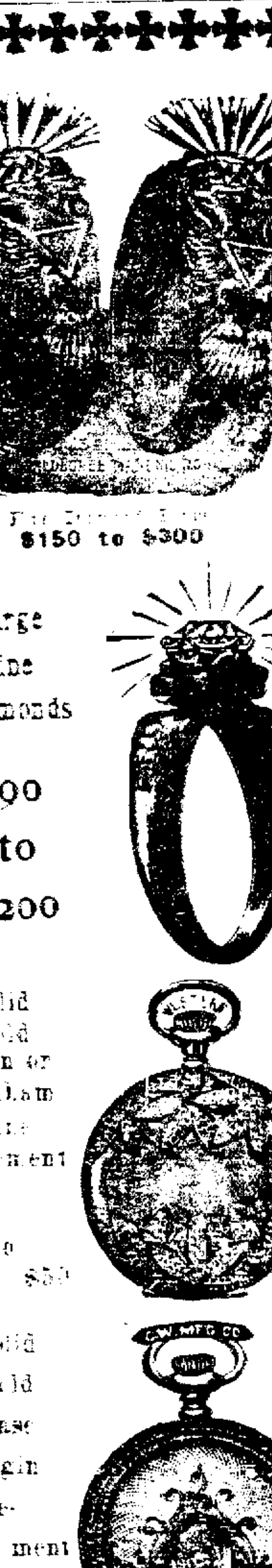
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...of Franklin county felt ...would impose a vast ...and we have enough ...other instruments. Re-...would certainly increase ...fees. It will help in several counties, but might not be agreeable in the largest counties. He favored release deeds, however.

Mr. Heckel of Quincy, Mr. Burkitt, of Franklin, Mr. Brockway of Lake, Mr. Thompson of Ford, Mr. Kerr of Polk, President George, Mr. Rich, Mr. Tippett of Piatt, Mr. Kunneman of Madison, Mr. Howe of Tazewell, Mr. Keeler of Henry, Mr. Armstrong of DeKalb, Mr. Allen of Macon engaged in the discussion, all favoring uniformity and a plan for the best interests of the people as to accuracy and economy.

Mr. Kunneman and Mr. Miller offered this written motion which was unanimously adopted: That the matter of marginal releases be referred to the executive committee and that said committee be instructed to draft a bill to present to the legislature to do away with marginal releases of mortgages, marginal assignments of mortgages marginal release of Vendor liens and that releases and assignments shall be by instruments of releases and assignments and vendor liens which must be recorded in regular form.

Mr. Keeler, Mr. Beebe of Kendall, Mr. Kramp of Sangamon, Mr. Moran of Clinton, Mr. Brockway, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Allen, Mr. Lake spoke on the topic which on motion was referred to the executive committee.

"Points on Recording" was taken up by Mr. Heckle of Adams county. He elaborated on the point that the recorded of instruments is a very important man, a servant of his constituents and the people of his county. He strongly favored a tract abstract index system. We now have perfect chain of title for every piece of property in the county. We can tell in a moment by the tract index system the location of any property.

Mr. Allen offered a motion that it is the sense of the association that the record of the seal should be made letter for letter, that we recognize the propriety of the present plan, but is a mark of better service we look with favor upon the full recording of the seal. Adopted.

"The Method of Procuring Uniformity of Instruments Filed" was the next topic. Mr. Kunneman said that all styles of forms had been filed for record in his office. He believed it would be the right thing to do to secure the adoption of a uniform form. He suggested that any one printing office be given the job of printing one form and that county boards buys supplies for distribution among patrons. I am in favor of cutting out the recording of chattel mortgages by leaving duplicates on file in the office, the recorder charging the same fee as at present.

Mr. Geist said that Will county uses printed forms as much as possible. Warranty and gift claims are much alike. Attorneys persist in adding words to various instruments. I think it possible to adopt a uniform blank. Let a committee be appointed to suggest a feasible plan. Mr. Geist offered a motion covering the point of his suggestion and it was adopted. Mr. Geist of Will, Mr. Kunneman of Madison and E. A. Silver of Moultrie, were named as the committee.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

Two Papers Discussed Followed by Banquet.

"Affidavits that Affect Real Estate" and "The Plat Book and How to Index It" were two subjects which were considered at the evening session. The former was participated in by L. C. Brockway, Lake County; George W. Gamble, Rock Island county, and R. M. Spensley of Jo Davies county. The latter was reviewed by Ira W. Lewis of Lee, E. Z. Curnett of Greene, Frank E. Harrold of DeWitt and C. S. Erwin of Clay county.

At the conclusion of the night session the members of Royal Circle No. 17 served a banquet to the visitors. The unfortunate incident of a gas stove breaking down caused a delay of about an hour in serving the feast and it was in the small hours when the festivities ended. The following was the program of the social session:

Program.

Toastmaster, Frank E. George, Kane county.

Music—College Hill Mandolin Club.

"Our Association", John Allen, Macon county.

The Pleasures of Recording Chattel Mortgages," C. Kunneman, Madison county.

Solo—Allerton Freeman.

"The Lawyer and the Circuit Clerk," Judge W. G. Cochran, Moultrie county.

"Troubles of the Recorder," Benj. Heckle, Adams county.

Solo—Linn Radcliffe.

"Trials of the Circuit Clerk," W. H. Miller, Randolph county.

"Decatur," Alexander McIntosh, Decatur.

Music—Male Quartet.

"The Joys and Sorrows of the Office Holder," T. M. Hull, DuPage county.

"How Best to Serve the Public," P. B. Keeler, Henry county.

"Illinois," Hon. J. M. Gray, Decatur.

Music—Mandolin Club.

Notes.

Joliet will probably be the next place of meeting.

The visitors are a strikingly intelligent handsome body of men, nearly all up to date and active.

PING-FLYNN.

Wedding at St. Patrick's Parsonage Last Evening.

Miss Mayme Flynn and Claude Ping were married at the parsonage of St. Patrick's Catholic church last night by Rev. Dean Murphy before a few friends and relatives. The ceremony was performed at 7:30 o'clock.

The groom is the driver of the new steamer at the No. 1 fire department and is one of the most popular employes of the paid fire department. The bride is a prominent member of St. Patrick's church, and has a host of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ping left last night for Springfield where they will spend their honeymoon with friends. They will return about New Year's when they will be at home to friends in a handsome cottage furnished by the groom at 867 North Main street.

With the Sick.

Will Bedford who has been ill with appendicitis is much improved.

A. H. Barber, a bookkeeper for the Suffern-Hunt Company, who has been sick in bed at his home in the Syndicate block for eight weeks is improving a little.

Miss Rose Martin who was seriously ill for some time is able to be out.

Patrolman Robert Meridith is able to be out after a long illness.

Henry Laughlin east of the city is suffering from a stroke of heart failure.

Lorin Campbell is ill.

For Assault.

Last night Steve Lowe was arrested on a warrant issued on complaint of H. F. Harrington. The charge was assault and battery.

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GOES TO CHICAGO

Judge E. P. Vail Will Preside in Superior Court for Judge Burke of Cook County.

IS NOT COMING BACK HERE.

Judge Cochran Will Hold the Local Court.

Judge E. P. Vail has gone to Chicago to preside in the superior court for Judge Burke who has been elevated to the appellate bench and is not expected to return to this city, unless an emergency should arise, which will necessitate his holding court here. It is stated that he has practically retired from the bench and during the remainder of his term of office will preside in Chicago. It is also understood that he will take up his permanent residence in that city. The salary attached to the office in Chicago is considerably larger than in this circuit, which is $3500 while in Chicago it is $5000. Judge Cochran is here to hold court until February at least. He has no other appointments until that time. The withdrawal of Judge Vail leaves this circuit with only one judge. Mr. Wright has been appointed to the court of claims in Washington and is expected to shortly enter upon his duties there. Solon Philbrick of Champaign who is slated as his successor will not be able to hold court in Champaign for some time owing to the fact that he has been identified with so much of the litigation.

Mrs. Vail expects to join the judge in Chicago later in the winter. He has taken up his residence on the north side. Judge Vail has always been popular in Chicago. For a number of years the judges of the courts there have made demands upon his time in vacation and consequently he is quite well known in legal circles. He has already presided in many important cases there.

His removal from this city will be a matter of regret to the legal profession and the public at large. He came here from Beardstown over twenty years ago and for a time was associated with W. C. Outten and K. H. Roby in the practice of law. He succeeded W. C. Johns as states attorney and about fifteen years ago he was elected to the circuit bench which position he has since filled, earning for himself the reputation of being one of the very best judges that ever presided in this circuit. He is a man of deep legal knowledge and wide general information. At the primaries held on November 4 he was a candidate for renomination but was defeated by W. C. Johns. It is known that Judge Vail has had flattering offers to become identified with law firms in Chicago. Members of the local bar say that he is in a position to step into a practice there that will yield bigger returns than does the office of circuit judge.

MINOR ACCIDENTS.

Three Persons Suffer Breaks, Cuts and Bruises.

While John Owens of 157 East Main street, was putting up his stove on Sunday, it slipped and fell upon his hands. The thumb was broken and several of the fingers badly smashed. The accident will lay him up for several days.

George Mallory, living on the corner of Wood and Monroe street, fell and broke his arm. The arm was placed in a plaster splint. The break was a very serious one, being on the wrist, which will probably be stiff.

Harry Kemper, who caught his hand in a fodder cutter some time ago was in the city yesterday and had the stitches removed. Kemper lost one finger and two more badly disfigured.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TAXABLE.

Supreme Court Holds They Can't be Classified With Churches.

Springfield, Dec. 17—The supreme court today decided a building used for Sunday school purposes alone is not exempt from taxation. It holds there is a vast difference between "public worship and educational instruction in the scriptures, and only property used exclusively for public worship is exempt from taxation.

PROFITABLE PENITENTIARY

Institution at Chester Makes Money For State.

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. 17—The report of the southern Illinois penitentiary shows a profit to the state by the operation of various industries the past year of $65,610. Compared with preceding year there is a net gain of $14,264.

Senn Hall Dedicated.

Chicago, Dec. 17—Senn Hall, the building recently added to the equipment of Rush Medical college through the generosity of Dr. Nicholas Senn, was dedicated today. Sir William Hingston, professor of clinical surgery, Laval university, Montreal, delivered the dedicatory address.

Meeting at Mrs. Conklin's.

An executive meeting of the Woman's Missionary Social Union will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. A. W. Conklin. All the pastors' wives and the presidents of each missionary society in the city are members of this board.

Births.

Plested—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Plested, of Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 12, a daughter. Mrs. Plested was formerly Miss Nell Nicholls of Decatur.

Perkins—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perkins of 280 Leafland avenue, on Saturday, Dec. 13, a son.

Leaves Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 17.—Kenyon L. Butterfield, instructor or rural sociology at the University of Michigan, has accepted the presidency of the Rhode Island state college of agricultural and mechanical arts.

Street Railway Combine.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 17.—A plan for the consolidation of the street railways of Omaha and Council Bluffs, will embrace two hundred miles of track. The capital of the new company is $6,000,000.

Quigley Appointed.

Rome, Dec. 17.—It is reported that Bishop James E. Quigley, of Buffalo, N. Y., has been appointed Archbishop of Chicago in succession to the late Archbishop Feehan.

Michigan's Salt Output.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 17.—The report of the state inspector shows 4,994,245 barrels of salt produced during 1902, a decrease of 585,856 from 1901.

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To the Loaf Is the Proposition Which Bakers Submit to the Grocers' Association.

TELEPHONE MATTER DROPPED.

The Association Arranging For the Annual Banquet.

The regular meeting of the Grocers' Association was held Wednesday night. Considerable business of interest was transacted. The association decided to drop the telephone matter for the present. They were considering the matter of dispensing with one of the phones by concerted action, but the recent sleet damaged the equipment of both companies so badly that it is impossible to tell which can give the best service. The committee which had the matter in charge was not discharged, however, and it will be taken up again when the two companies get in shape to resume business on a permanent basis.

The officers elected at the preceding session were installed.

The grocers decided to give a banquet at their rooms soon after the holidays. It will be planned along more elaborate lines than any affair of this kind that the grocers have attempted.

The discussion of the proposition submitted by the wholesale bakers occupied more time than any other matter. The bakers proposed making a twenty ounce loaf of bread and selling to the grocers at a figure that would permit them to sell it at five cents retail. No definite action was taken, but the grocers says they are in favor of that size loaf.

It is understood that the grocers' margain is a little closer on this loaf than on the old sizes. Up to this time they have been selling at a profit of about forty per cent. In submitting their proposition to make the larger loaf the bakers want a higher profit and it is understood that the matter may not be settled at once.

The grocers expressed themselves as being in favor of an ordinance to control the size of loaves of bread. The bakers, too, are in favor of such an ordinance and when a definite understanding is reached on this score it may be that the two classes of merchants can agree on the commission.

The grocers have agreed that if they sell the larger size loaf they will sell it for five cents straight, each loaf costing a nickel whether one or twenty-five are bought.

Justice Courts.

In Justice Provost's court Wednesday Henry Dailey brought suit against Henry Harrington for wages amounting to $3.

In the same court V. B. Clifton brought suit for a board bill of $42 against Bert Lamb. Lamb confessed judgment for $25 and the suit is waiting on an attachment of wages issued on the Wabash railroad company.

Still on Watch.

The black dog that took up a stand in front of Springer's last Saturday and began watching the squirrels was still on duty yesterday. A little boy from the south end of the city claimed the beast and was allowed to take it home but in a few hours the dog was back again. The dog has become quite an attraction. Hundreds of people call around that way to see him.

Elks at Capital.

Dr. B. L. Maienthal, State Exalted Ruler of the Elks, returned Wednesday from Springfield where he made preliminary arrangements for the institution of a lodge of Elks in that city on January 15. One hundred and nineteen charter members have signed. The exemplification of the degree will likely be givn by th Decatur lodge of Elks.

Every person bringing a new cash subscriber to the Herald gets one guess for every ten cents paid. The subscriber also gets the same.

WAR ON TRUSTS

THE HOUSE APPROPRIATES $500,000 FOR THE USE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL KNOX.

IN PROSECUTING COMBINES

Measure Presented Unexpectedly But Speedily Passed Without Division—Day in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mr. Bartlett of Georgia, democrat, during consideration of the legislative appropriation bill in the house today unexpectedly and without warning, sprang an amendment to appropriate $250,000 to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law, and to direct the attorney general to proceed to the prosecution of all violators of the law. Although such provision was plainly amenable to a point of order not a member of either side of the house raised an objection. Both sides wheeled into line and all agreed that some action was advisable. Some republicans, however, raised objection to the looseness of the language of the amendment and Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, offered a substitute for the language, the bill he introduced on the opening day of the session to appropriate a half million dollars for the enforcement of the law. This was further strengthened to make the appropriation immediately available and as amended the substitute was agreed to without division.

The legislative bill was passed practically as it came from the committee except for the amendment.

January 31, at 2 o'clock was fixed as time for holding exercises in connection with the acceptance of the statues of Charles Caroll and John Hensen, Maryland's contribution to the statuary hall.

The Hepburn amendment adopted today is:

"That for the enforcement of the provision of the act of July 2, 1890, the sum of $500,000 is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not heretofore appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the attorney general in the employment of special counsel and agents of the department of justice to conduct proceedings, suits and prosecutions under said acts in the courts of the United States, provided that no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing, concerning which he may testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, in any proceedings, suit or prosecution under said acts; provided further that no person so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for perjury committed in so testifying. This appropriation shall be immediately available."

THE SENATE.

The senate today passed the pension appropriation bill without discussion. It carries $139,847,000. An urgent deficiency bill was also passed. It carries $3,148,400 and includes $500,000 to enable the secretary of agriculture to stamp out the foot and mouth disease.

The militia bill was up for a short time, Mr. Bacon of Georgia, continuing his remarks against the constitutionality of the provision for a reserve force of trained men.

At 2 o'clock Kean of New Jersey called up a resolution expressing regret of the senate at the death of the late Senator Sewell of New Jersey and feelingly spoke of the life and character of the deceased.

He was followed by several other senators and as a further mark of respect an adjournment was taken until Saturday.

Addresses were also made by Messrs. Cockrell, Allison, Morgan, Cullom, Depew and others.

Died in California.

Notice has just been received of the death of Mrs. H. J. Kister at Los Angeles, Cal., last Friday. It is supposed that while taking a bath she fainted and was drowned.

She was the daughter of Mrs. C. J. Hawkins who kept a millinery store at the north end of Merchant street some years ago and a niece of J. C. Carter of this city.

Street Price for Grain.

Corn is nearly as scarce on the local grain market as ears at the mills. There were but three loads offered yesterday and buyers willingly paid 42 cents per bushel. That is the highest paid this year. If corn does not show up in a few days grain buyers predict that the prices will go even higher than 40 cents.

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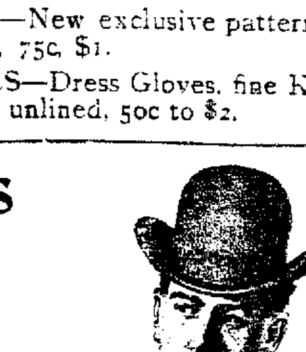
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It is Gov. Northcott for a few days.

The omnibus statehood bill is doomed.

Gov. Yates is in Florida and is rapidly recovering his wonted health.

There is more Monroe doctrine than European debts in the South American squabble.

There surely will be no need of congress adjourning on account of fuel when there is such a constant supply of hot air in both houses.

There is such universal condemnation of Lueland and Germany for sinking the Venezuelan vessels that each is saying to the other, "You did it."

John W. Ela, noted leader of civil service reform in Chicago, died in Philadelphia of apoplexy Monday afternoon. He was one of the useful citizens who stood for better municipal governments.

An English paper alludes to the Venezuelan unpleasantness as a fight between two wasps and a rabbit. It would be amusing if the rabbit should eat some of the whisking.

Regulation rather than compensation appears to be the policy of Mayor Shilling's administration in granting franchises for public utilities. This policy meets with popular approval.

The Decatur club is rendering the city a good service in bringing citizens together for the discussion of questions of great local interest. On Monday evening the school question was very thoroughly handled in most of its phases.

Bishop Quigley of Buffalo, N. Y., is to be presented to the pope at Rome for appointment to succeed Archbishop Feehan of Chicago. It was sincerely hoped that Bishop Spalding of Peoria might be given this higher place. There is no abler and better man in the United States than Bishop Spalding. He would have honored the place.

This congressional district is fruitful of gubernatorial timber. Three names are frequently mentioned in this connection. These are Congressman Warner of Clinton, Auditor McCullough of Champaign and Attorney General Hamlin of Shelbyville. We could be so happy with either were tother dear charmer away. Who is Macon county's man for governor?

Oklahoma may get in but New Mexico and Arizona must get bigger and better before they are fit to be states. The mine speculators and politicians are the ones who are urging statehood. Oklahoma, on the contrary, is being rapidly populated and has abundant resources. In a few years it will be one of the richest and best of the new states.

Secretary Shaw has very wisely concluded to let the Wall street speculators and stock jobbers know that the public treasury could not be depended upon to bolster them up against panics. Following this J. P. Morgan, the Pooh Bah of Wall street, organized a syndicate with a little purse of $50,000,000 to tide the boys over hard places. This is better. The government can't afford to mix in the stock gambling of Wall street.

An esteemed exchange indulged in bold-faced headlines to announce "Death of Mrs. Grant occurred Sunday night and due to heart failure." The wonder is of what else she could die. In fact is not every death from heart failure? Death does not come until the heart ceases to beat. Hence death by heart failure is merely saying that the person died because the heart quit beating. It is quite as true to say that Mrs. Grant died for want of breath as to say it was from heart failure.

There is talk of congress being compelled to adjourn for want of fuel. This need not be so. A few hundred tons of "pub. docs." might be taken from the basement of the capital and used to make heat. It would be cheaper to the government because there would be the saving of transportation of this useless stuff that is burned by the constituents of members of congress all over the country. There never was more reckless squandering of public money than in the printing and franking of public documents that serve no good purpose.

Mrs. Julia Dent Grant is dead. She was the wife of Gen. U. S. Grant the greatest general of modern times if not of all time. Mrs. Grant was almost 80 years old. She has been for some years much in retirement and many of the younger generation know little of the stirring scenes through which Mrs. Grant passed in the sixties and the seventies. For eight years she was the mistress of the White House. Her distinguished husband was in the center of the stage of national affairs for two decades. Few of the original participants still remain.

One of the newest and wildest senatorial stories is that Mr. E. S. Conway of Chicago will be a candidate against Congressman Hopkins. Mr. Conway is an excellent man and is a man of sense. He has been manager of a great music house for years and knows the difference between harmony and discord. When the state convention nominated Mr. Hopkins it set the senatorial tune. All good republicans have been humming it ever since. Mr. Conway is a good loyal republican and is not likely to butt into the senatorial stone wall, erected by the republican state convention.

Mayor Shilling's view regarding the basis of voting franchises is eminently correct. He favors fixing the maximum of charges for the product of institutions serving the public and the power to regulate the service. Should the corporation get to a point where it considers the consumers its prey the council shall have power reserved in the charter to call it to account with the ultimate possibility of declaring the franchise forfeited. It will be recalled that the Herald has from the beginning felt that it was not so much compensation as regulation that grants to public enterprises should be based upon.

If it is a correct theory for Germany and England to go to war with Venezuela to enforce the collection of speculative investments of their citizens in South America why should not they come to the United States and ask that the debts of their citizens resident here be paid by Uncle Sam? One reason is that they can't make him do it, while little weak Venezuela is at their mercy. When Germans and Englishmen build railroads in South America they will know the instability and uncertainty of the governments. Why should they now expect their governments to embroil the western hemisphere in war to collect their debts?

The Sherman men lined up in Chicago on Saturday and there were just 70 of them, six less than enough to elect a speaker. Mr. Sherman announces that he will remain in the field as a living protest against "outside interference" in organizing the house. Would Judge Sherman be willing to make an inventory of the efforts made by himself and those associated with him? There would no doubt be found among his assets all the "outside interference" that could be secured. Senators, judges, governors or any other old influence would have been as quickly utilized by Sherman as by the other side. It depends upon whose ox is horned.

DEMOCRATS IN DISTRESS.

The democrats have inherited a large batch of trouble from the late election. Mr. Edwards thinks that he and not Mr. Gray was elected to the legislature. He will contest Mr. Gray's right to a seat. There are other miserables as the following dispatch from Tuscola will show:

"An aftermath of the last campaign is a notice from ex-Senator Isaac B. Craig of Mattoon that he will contest the election of J. T. Hinds of Newman, elected as the democratic member of the legislature from the thirty-fourth district. Hinds' majority was about 100 over Craig, and the notice that the Coles county man will attempt to oust Hinds comes somewhat as a surprise to the democratic party of the district. Senator Craig alleges some irregularity in the vote in Hickory, Charleston and Ashmore townships in Coles county. Mr. Craig has served notice on Mr. Hinds that he will preserve his rights in the matter and will probably file notice of contest the first of the year. Mr. Craig will allege irregularities in all the townships of Coles county. If he contests Mr. Hinds' election and he evidently will do so.

"Mr. Hinds has retained Hon. R. G. Hammond of Charleston to look after his interests."

DENIED BY JUDGE WRIGHT.

Says He Never Went Into a Deal in Behalf of Roy.

Sunday's Chicago Tribune contained the following.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 13.—Special—Judge D. M. Wright, whose appointment to the court of claims is said to have been held up by Senator Mason for political reasons, today denied the report that he had used his influence to turn Representative Rodman's vote to Miller in return for the appointment of his son, Royal, to the circuit bench of Champaign county.

Judge Wright made the following statement over his signature:

"Every statement relative to any request of mine for the appointment of my son to fill a prospective vacancy upon the circuit bench or that anybody's action, political or otherwise, be conditional thereon, is false in every word, syllable and letter, thought or implication."

Deeds Recorded.

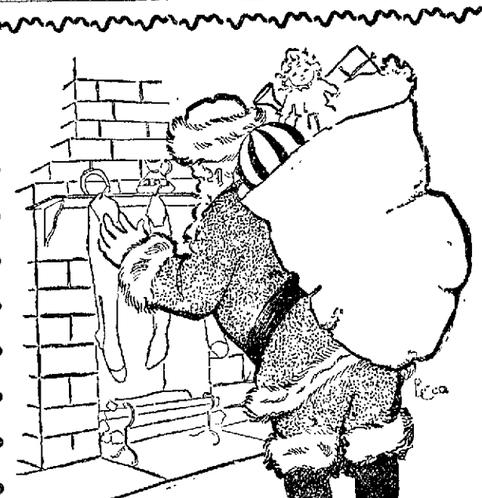
John A. Montgomery adm., to Chas. W. Montgomery one half interest in lot 11 and the west half of the south west quarter of section 14, township 16, range 2 east, and a half interest in lots 1 and 2 in block 4 in Oglesby & Walt's addition to Decatur. $1025.

The Wesley Methodist church to the First Methodist church lot 5 in Strange & McFar and's addition to Decatur; $550.

Maria Jensen to Ludwig and Auguste Bulx lot 10 in block 13 in Carver's addition to Decatur; $650.

Better Than a Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by all druggists.

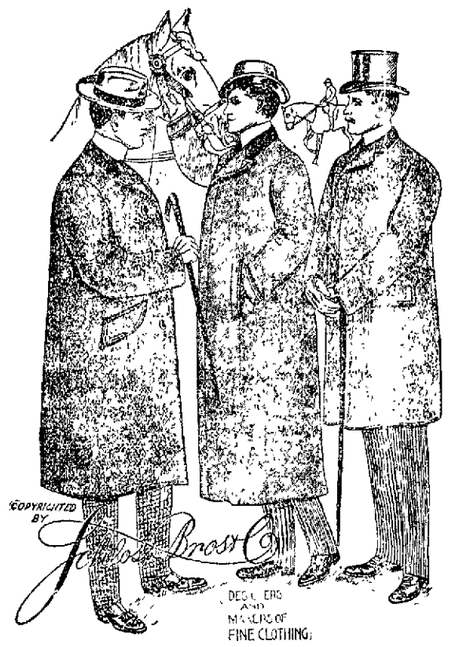


Christmas ...Gifts

FOR BIG and LITTLE MEN

Need Cause You No Worry.

Come to us and let us show you how happy you can make "him"' and at what a little cost. Might just as well buy him something serviceable, as well as beautiful.



High Art in Winter Overcoats

WARMTH AND COMFORT are not the only essentials a man wants in Winter Overcoats. Style and durability are nowadays scarcely less imperative. Our art overcoats, made by skilled hands, embody the best of cloth, trimmings and linings

A man's overcoat, 45 inches long, of good quality $4.50
A man's overcoat, blue or black, 45 inches long, and a good overcoat..... $6.00
Men's all wool overcoats in grays, blue or black, 45 inches in length, and some of the loose back, military shoulder kind..... $10
Better overcoats, made of the finest of materials, lined with the best of linings and sleeve linings, from $12.50 up to..... $22.50

Underwear That Really Wears

Five lines of warm fleeced lined underwear, all colors and sizes, at, a garment..... 50c
Wright's fleeced lined health underwear, at, a garment. 75c, $1 and..... $1.50
All wool underwear in gray and tan, warm, woolly and not scratchy, $1 and..... $1.50
Men's union suits underwear, at $1.25, $1.75, $3 and..... $4.00
Pink, blue and brown fleeced elastic rib underwear, which fits the body, at, a garment..... 50c

Luxurious Presents For Men



SMOKING JACKETS—A present that any man will appreciate; made mostly from golf cloths, the reverse side of which forms the trimming on sleeve and pockets, $5.50, $7.50, $8.50 and..... $9.50
White vests in plain white, white with black stripes, and white silk with black figures, $1.25, $1.50 $2 and..... $2.50
Sweaters for boys, men and little boys, (ages 3 to 8), an elegant assortment; all knew; $1, $1 25, $1 50, $2.50 and..... $3.50
Gloves in wool, kid and Mocha, lined and unlined, at from 25c to $2.50
Collars, Cuffs and Shirts, useful all the time, and acceptable at any time.
Hats in soft and stiff shapes, at from $1 to..... $3.00
Caps for men, boys or children, at, from 25c to $2.00

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Suits for Tasteful Dressers

It's a genuine satisfaction to us to talk about our Suit Department. Our modest claim is to display ready-to-wear-garments in textures, styles and trimmings that satisfy the tastes and demands of the most intelligent customers. That's saying a good deal; but see our hand-tailored suits and you'll understand why we are safe in guaranteeing them. When we do that we give you assurance not only of actually high-grade material, but—what is nowadays a necessity in gentlemen's dress—styles that fit the tailors' fashion plates.

Men's suits, guaranteed from $8.50 to..... $20
Boys' suits, from $5 to..... $18.50
Children's suits, from $2 50 to..... $6.50
Juvenile suits, from $2.50 to..... $5.50

Fine Neckwear For Christmas Time

Bow and string ties of best grade silk..... 25c
Four-in-hands and tecks in plain black and thousands of fancy silk effects..... 50c
Ascots in plain black and white and in fancies—not the skimpy kind—50c and..... $1.00
Swell silk mufflers in English, Squares, Rusbys and made up mufflers that can be rolled and put in pocket without being bulky—50c, 75c, $1, $1.25 and..... $1.50

INVITATIONS ARE OUT.

For Wedding of Bert E. Branch and and Miss Verna Dedman.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Verna Dedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dedman, 550 North Main street, one of Decatur's Rev. G. Taylor Griffith, will be the officiating rector. Several hundred invitations have been issued.

Following the ceremony at the church there will be a small reception at the home of the bride's parents for the relatives and close friends.

Forsyth.

Miss Mary Parkhurst was a Decatur visitor Wednesday.

County Superintendent Jones visited the Forsyth school Friday.

M. M. Prohard visited relatives in Lake City over Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Burton visited her mother in Oreana Thursday.

Mrs. H. C. Mowry was a Decatur visitor Tuesday.

Karl Hoover visited Robert Benton Sunday.

Miss Bonnie Funk is visiting her mother.

The Forsyth school will give a basket supper January 2, 1903.

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Sullivan.

Bert Smith of Bethany visited with T. H. Grantham's this week.

Mrs. Jane Bonds of Monett, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hirendeem.

Harrison Chaney, wife and daughter, T. H. Grantham, wife and son, spent Sunday with Arthur Hirendeem.

F. W. Bushman died Monday after an illness of a few days. He was born in Germany in 1826 and was a man well liked by all who knew him.

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Prairie Hall.

George E. Davidson was a Decatur visitor last Friday.

Miss Lela Armstrong visited friends in Mt. Zion last Friday and Saturday.

Protracted meetings are being held at the Prairie Hall church. All are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pasley have returned home from Texas.

Ernest Richard was visiting friends in Decatur last week.

Some of the farmers have completed the work of husking corn, yet there is considerable to husk.

Quite a number took advantage of the excursion rates to Decatur last week.

Charles Pasley visited friends in Sullivan last Sunday.

Jerry Reese and family are expected here from Louisiana. They will make their future home here.

A. Parten was a Decatur visitor Monday.

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Moweaqua.

Mrs. Emma Richter and daughter, Miss Anita, of Dresden, Germany, are visiting the family of S. S. Clapper.

Supervisor W. H. Moll has been quite ill for more than a week.

Mrs. E. G. Keiser was the guest of Mrs. J. R. Smith in Taylorville last week.

The $1000 mortgage has at last been lifted from the Christian church. It has been a noble effort on the part of the members of the congregation.

Dr. F. S. Pratz was ill for several days last week, and unable to look after his patients.

Wesley Hawley, Moweaqua's notorious murderer, was taken to the state penitentiary at Chester last week to serve his term of twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Corrington have gone to La Porte, Texas, for the winter.

The Commercial bank has satisfied a "long-felt want" in our city, by opening up a savings department.

There will be no trade excursions this season from Moweaqua to Decatur.

Joseph Armstrong came down from Decatur for a few days last week.

The next number of the lecture course will be given on Dec. 30th by Prof. Swift, the scientist, "Wonders of the Telescope and Microscope," with moving pictures, is the subject.

Ticket Agent G. W. Rollins went to Keyesport, Ill., Saturday to attend the funeral of his sister, Miss Carrie Rollins.

Messrs. Adam and Karl Snyder, James and Thomas Ahl, have returned from their hunting trip near Vera, bringing about seventy-five quails with them.

Vincent Michael of Assumption was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Wayne Pouting, over Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sharon of Tennessee is here to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Julia Fridley.

The heating apparatus at the high school is causing a great deal of trouble and it was impossible to conduct the school for a few days last week.

Mrs. Gertrude Washington entertained the English club on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Scribner returned to their home in Decatur Sunday.

W. K. Andrews has arrived from Louisiana to spend the holidays with his father-in-law, V. Snyder, Jr. Mrs. Andrews came several weeks ago.

BIG FARM DEAL IS OFF.

The report that Tom C. Ponting had sold his fine farm to Jesse C. Adams for $150 an acre, has proved to be without foundation, and Mr. Ponting will retain the land, although he and his wife have moved into town for the winter.

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Bement.

John Ellars of Wichita, Kan., visited Bement friends last week.

F. R. Smith, C. A. Knapp, and T. H. Slick, were in Clinton Tuesday of last week.

Miss Lilly Vaughan has returned from an extended visit with Prof. C. H. Andrews and family in Spring Valley, Ill.

W. A. Markwell, who has been on the sick list the past two months is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Martin returned Saturday from a week's visit in Union City, Ind.

Thomas Foster received $10 from the Cincinnati Enquirer as his portion of the premium on the guessing contest.

Mrs. R. E. Pettit of Chicago is visiting her father, M. H. Martin, and other Bement relatives.

C. M. Baldwin moved his family to Mattoon Wednesday.

W. W. Davis gave away his $100 graphophone with cigars Monday evening. A number was given with each 25 cents worth of cigars and Sherman Long was the lucky man.

Sam Perkins arrived in Bement last week from South Dakota. He says he is married to a handsome young school teacher in Dakota. After disposing of his Bement real estate he and his bride will go on a wedding tour to England.

Cornelius & Pope have purchased the D. W. Seitz livery business and stock and will conduct the livery business at the Seitz barn instead of their former location.

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SADDEST OF ALL

Case of Heartrending Poverty Unearthed by Acting Overseer Martin Wednesday.

WITHOUT FOOD OR FUEL.

Sick Parents Ill in Bed and Three Children Under Eight Years.

One of the saddest cases of poverty in Decatur, which has yet come to the notice of the overseer of the poor was reported Wednesday afternoon. Overseer Martin visited the home of Michael Montgomery living on First Avenue. The bread earner was found groaning upon a bed of pain, suffering from a sprained ankle. On another bed, a pale and frail woman lay shivering with cold and crying. Around the rooms, which were unclean and scantily bare of furniture, played children. The oldest, a child of seven years, was trying to take care of her sick parents and mind the others who were crying with hunger. The youngest child was about two years old and when the overseer saw the little one was nearly frozen. A little broken down stove was cold and fireless.

Montgomery was until a week ago employed at the Sattley Foundry. He was receiving pretty good wages, but a sick wife and doctor bills ate up his earnings. One morning as he was walking the Wabash tracks on the way to work, his feet became entangled in a wire and he was thrown heavily to the ground. He was taken home and has since been suffering with pain and confined to his bed. His week's small wages have been used up and when the overseer called there was not a morsel of food in the house and the babies had not tasted food since the night before. Overseer Martin hurried a ton of coal to the house and sent a quantity of groceries which will last until this morning. This is a deserving one, if ever there was discovered in Decatur, and it is hoped the charitable citizens will see to it that the family is cared for.

ALL DUE TO ACCIDENT

Unsetting Cream Pitcher Leads to Discovery of New Method of Making Butter.

IT IS EASY AND SIMPLE.

When Charles M. Taylor, Jr., spilled his cream pitcher on his lunch table, over two years ago, he muttered something, under his breath, but the peculiar actions of that cream on his tablecloth aroused his curiosity and set him to making experiments, says the Interior. The result is an invention for making butter by absorption, without the aid of a churn or physical labor.

When he wants butter now he takes a pan, puts in some absorbent cloth and a piece of blotting paper, pours in a quart of cream, and puts the whole in the refrigerator over night. In the morning he opens the refrigerator and finds over a pound of pure, fresh butter ready for his breakfast table. The story of his discovery is one of the most remarkable in the history of invention.

Over two years ago Mr. Taylor had his servant prepare him a luncheon in his studio in Walnut street.

He was busy and preoccupied, and so, when, in reaching for a biscuit, he knocked the cream pitcher over with his sleeve, he simply set the pitcher right again and decided to leave the cleaning of the tablecloth to his servant.

He went on eating and thinking, and had almost finished his lunch, when he noticed that the cloth had absorbed most of the moisture from the cream and had left a thick semi-solid white matter that looked like cheese. When he saw what the cream had done, he took a little of the white matter on the end of his knife and examined it carefully.

"It looks like butter," he muttered to himself. He tasted it. "I believe it is butter," he said. Then he began to reason it out. He knew that the butter was the fatty substance of the cream, left after the moisture had been extracted. Then he began to experiment. He tried several kinds of cloth and blotting paper, and had a partial success with each. He has now completed his apparatus to his entire satisfaction. The pans are 9 inches by 15 inches, and are somewhat over an inch in depth.

The absorbent cloth is a specially made toweling; so woven that the folds are clearly marked. When this cloth is folded it makes four thicknesses in the bottom of the pan. Over that the blotting paper is placed. This is so folded that it makes a little pan of itself and holds the cream. It is about a half inch deep. When these two things are placed in the pan everything is ready for butter making.

All that then remains to be done is to pour in as much cream as is wanted and set it in the refrigerator over night. In the morning it is taken out and, instead of the cream, there is a layer of pure, fresh butter about a half inch thick. Then you simply take the blotting paper out of the pan and—the butter rolls off ready for breakfast.

The advantages which Mr. Taylor claims for his invention are:

No expensive outfit required.

About fourteen ounces of butter can be made from one quart of cream.

Little labor. Nature does the churning.

Can be made in quantities as wanted for the table or commercial purposes.

Absolutely free from adulteration.

Greater percentage of butter made from cream than by churning.

Sanitary purity for invalids.

Apparatus can be shipped at minimum cost, owing to light weight.

PRICES ADVANCED

Increased Demand for Illuminating Oil Adds Another Cent to the Price Per Gallon.

GREAT DEMAND IN THE EAST.

Where Oil, Raw and Crude, is Used For Fuel

The price on both refined and crude oils continues to advance. This week the Standard Oil Company gave notice to the retail men that the price of coal oil has been advanced one cent per gallon. In fact all kinds of refined oil have been given a proportionate advance.

Crude oil has also advanced and the Pennsylvania product is selling at $1.53 and Western Ohio and Indiana oil at $1.06 per barrel. This is an advance of about 70 per cent on the raw product.

M. Muxon, manager of the big district in Central Illinois for the Standard Oil Company, said, "Within the last few months there has been an advance of 2 1-2 cents in all refined oils, but last summer the company reduced the price half a cent a gallon. In spite of the advance in price the consumption of oil has increased greatly. At present the consumption of oil is actually greater than the production and the stocks which had been held in reserve are being called upon to supply the demand. That is true of both refined and crude oils. The increased demand for oil in the east is of course due, to the fact that there is no coal there as a result of the long strike. All steam-making plants in the east that can secure oil are using that product instead of coal which is even more scarce than oil and higher priced.

"In the east the people who depend on hard coal for heating and cooking cannot use crude oil but they can and do use refined oil for that purpose. The result is that all of the cooking stoves and heating stoves that we had in the west have been called east to supply the sudden demand and then there are not enough. I met the New England manager of the Standard Oil Company a few days ago and he told me that the business in his district during the current year had increased 40 per cent.

"The business in our territory has not increased that much but it has increased largely, at the rate of about 1500 barrels per month for every month in the year. November increased only 1000 barrels but that was due to the fact that there was one business day less in November this year than there was last year. There were five Sundays this year or the November increase would have been 1700 barrels. Our increase has been in all classes of oil, lubricating as well as illuminating.

"At present coal oil is selling at wholesale at 11 cents per gallon. Last year at this time it was selling at 9 cents per gallon."

To Cure a Cold In One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

A BIG VERDICT

Against Wabash In the Shelby Court In Favor of Mrs. J. L. Thomas Formerly of Decatur.

FOR DEATH OF HER HUSBAND.

Decision of the Jury Was For the Sum of $4500.

Shelbyville, Ill., Dec. 17.—Special to The Herald.—In the circuit court this morning the jury brought in a verdict awarding Mrs. J. L. Thomas $4,500 damages against the Wabash railroad, for the death of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas were residents of Decatur and Thomas was an employe of the Wabash. The fatal accident occurred at East St. Louis October 27th, 1901. Evidence in the case was about as follows:

On the 27th of October, 1901, an extra left the Brookiyn yards bound for Decatur. The train was a freight, composed of 32 loads, a dead engine and a caboose. The deceased, J. W. Thomas, had been sent along with the other members of the crew acting in the capacity of a messenger in charge of the dead engine. At Edwardsville Junction, the crew set out a car of merchandise and picked up two empty flat cars. While this was being done Thomas went to where the dead engine was and examined it and found it running all right, and then returned to the caboose, into which he went and sat down. There were three principal tracks at this junction, the house track, the passing track and the main track.

The conductor gave the signal to the engineer to back up and the train moved backward, at a speed of ten miles per hour. In some inexplainable manner the switch to the house track had been left open unknown to anyone, and the train started in on the house track instead of the passing track, as was intended. The caboose struck the first car it came to on the house track with such force that it caused the car immediately in front of the caboose, which was full of lumber to go crashing right into and through the caboose. Fifteen cars were piled up one on top of the other. Thomas was about the center of the caboose, lying on the floor with lumber piled all over him and partially covered by the stove. He was dead when help reached him.

The railroad attempted to prove that the deceased was not acting within the scope of his duties at the time of the accident. They contended that by a well known rule among railroad people, a messenger in charge of a dead engine, has no place in a caboose, but should have been on the engine, if he had been there at the time of the accident he would not have been killed.

The jury was out all night, bringing in the above verdict at 9 o'clock this morning.

HE WANTS SATISFACTION.

Man Who Lost A Bundle Is Seeking to Learn the Truth.

A well known Macon county man is seeking to discover the truth and to that end he submits for publication the following:

"A Warrensburg man has lost an undershirt which he is trying to recover and he has offered a reward for it. While in Decatur he bought the garmen for $3.65 and got on an Edward street car. When he left the car he left it behind and later a woman occupied the same seat. When the woman got off the car she picked up the undershirt with some other bundles.

The conductor told the woman that he thought the bundle belonged to a man who had been on the car but the woman was sure that it belonged to her.

Now the owner of the undershirt has advertised and offers a reward of $1 if the woman who took it will return it to the transfer house."

The man from Warrensburg said "I don't care a continental about the shirt. There have been several statement made about the way the package disappeared and they are conflicting. What I want to learn is the truth about that disappearence and I am willing to pay for the information if it can be secured. I want the satisfaction of knowing the truth."

The above paragraph appeared in the Decatur Review of December 13. Mr Potter, the conductor referred too made a statement today (December 14) at the transfer house, that he laid the package on the ground and said to the lady who got off the car that she had left her package; that she shook her head but that he saw her take the package; that a little boy was standing there and that on his (Potter's) return trip the boy told him that the woman took the package and said that it belonged to her.

If the person that Mr. Potter delivered the package to will bring it to the Decatur Extract Co., 243 South Water street, and tell how she came into possession of the package, she will be paid six dollars—one dollar for the return of the shirt and five dollars for the information.

(Signed) The Man From Warrensburg.

WOULD DIVIDE MOULTRIE.

Gay Man At Gays Proposes Parcelling It Out Among Neighbors.

Some gay gentleman at Gays proposes to cut Moultrie county up into three chunks and divide it between Macon, Coles and Shelby. After citing the fact that the county has eight small townships and that it is out of debt he argues that it would be cheaped to the tax payers to belong to other counties rather than support a separate organization. He says:

Now my plan is to run a line commencing in the center on the south of Whitley, running north to the north line of Sullivan, then west to the Shelby line, giving that part to Shelby county. Then take the east half of Whitley and east Nelson and attach it to Coles county, making Mattoon a center point for trading.

Then we will take Bethany and Dora give them to Macon county, giving them Decatur as their place of business.

For Trespass.

A. J. Gasaway will have a hearing today before Justice McCoy on the charge of trespassing. The story is to the effect that Lew McKinnis sold a car load of apples to Gasaway. The latter was to dispose of the fruit and pay McKinnis his proportionate share as the sales progressed. There was some dispute about the division of the spoils and McKinnis declared the sale off and took possession of the fruit but by some means Gasaway got into the room where the apples were stored and declined to vacate on the order of McKinnis, hence the arrest.

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Todds Point.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harve Faris, December 10th, a fine baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woods of Livingstone, Mont., are just now guests of Shelbyville friends.

A. J. Turner has been in Mt. Pulaski and Tuscola recently with a view to improving his herd of cattle. He bought one Aberdeen-Angus cow and intends making further purchases.

The sleet storm is hindering our local corn shuckings and making all outside work a very slippery business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Silver entertained a few friends on Wednesday evening. Those included in the invitations were Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholson, H. Turner, and daughter, Nellie, and the Misses Nicholson.

On the afternoon of the 9th when the corn shuckers were unloading they noticed smoke emerging from a bedroom in William Perry's residence. It was soon discovered that the carpet or bedding had taken fire from a heated stove pipe and the timely arrival of the men saved the entire house from destruction. The contents of the room were almost entirely burnt up, but little damage was done to the room itself. The loss was covered by insurance.

Dec. 17.

THESE WILL COME HIGH.

Grocer Finds That Turkeys Will be an Expensive Luxury.

One grocer who sent a man to the country to buy turkeys for his Christmas trade is convinced that he will do well if he comes out whole on the deal. The man paid his railroad fare to a country town ten miles away. Then his time for the day is counted. He paid 14 cents per pound for live weight turkeys; there were the freight charges on the stock into this city. Now there is a loss of nearly 25 per cent in dressing turkeys, and the grocer is speculating if his customers will stand for it if he figures into the retail price that fowls all of the expense he incurred in getting the bird for a Christmas dinner.

Gossip of the Street.

Speaking of the proposed extension of the street car company on West Eldorado street a prominent business man said:

"When the council is considering the granting of a right of way for the car company out Eldorado street, they should remember that when the city paid out city money to gravel that street it was with the understanding the people should have a drive to the park, which would not be crowded with cars. Should the city decide to grant the car company the privilege of a line out Eldorado street they will violate the contract with the citizens. The car company already has a good line running to the park and the service has been satisfactory. The people have but one road that leads directly to the park. If they should place a car line on this road women and children would be afraid to drive horses to the park."

Interesting Reading.

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Women's Arctics, buckle, $1.00, 85c, 75c 59c
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Women's Alaskas, storm, 75c, 65c, 59c 49c
Women's Rubbers, 75c, 60c, 50c 25c
Women's Rubbers, 55c, 50c, 45c, 35c, 25c 15c
Men's Felts and Overs, large variety, $3, $2.75, $2.50, $2 ..... $1.49

WOMEN'S FELTS



Women's Felt Juliettes, fur trimmed, turned soles, black or red $1 and 89c
Women's Oriental Velvet, green velvet, black satin, few sizes, $1.50 grade $1.00
Womens Black Vici Kid Vamps, felt top Juliettes $1.50
Women's Patent Leather, 3 strap Slippers $2.00
Women's Vici Kid, 4 Strap Slippers $2.00
Women's Vici Kid 3 Strap Slippers $1.50
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Women's Vici Kid Strap Slippers $1.00

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[C]HANGES IN LAW

[Cir]cuit Clerks Want Legislature to Do Away With the Marginal Releases.

[TH]E TRACT SYSTEM IS LIKED.

[Ne]xt Session Will Be at Joliet in August.

Th[e] second and last day's session of ... special meeting of the Cir... ...rks of Illinois was held in ... hall ...day.

The program ... to have closed at ..., but the clerks found their dis... ...ions of such interest and import... ...that they were prolonged until ... o'clock in the afternoon. The ... discussed during the day re... ...ed to affidavits that affect real es... ... leaving the old book, the best ... of serving the public.

... subject of marginal releases ... discussed at some length and ... discussion resulted in a resolu... ...asking the state legislature to ... them. In lieu of them they ... release deed which may be ... and indexed the same as other ... in the recorder's office, ... thought that this will not only ... errors, but will give the mort... ...the same benefits in the ... ...st the mortgagee receives when ... mortgagor borrows money from ...

Another resolution which resulted ... the discussion was one relating ... the equalizing of the per diem of ... clerks for attendance upon the circuit ... At present the counties of ... state are divided into first and ... class. The small counties are ... the first and the larger in the ... Clerks in the small counties ... $4 per day for court service, ... those in the large counties ... $6. The work is exactly the ... and the clerks feel that the of... ...s in the smaller counties are dis... ...ated against.

The tract system of indexing was ... over at length, the clerks using ... system explaining it in detail for ... of those who were not us... ...it. Ira Lewis of Lee county, said ... he planned the system used in ... county some fifteen years ago and ... there had not been an abstract ... in the county since that ... All of the other clerks who ... on the subject said that ab... ... companies found it hard to ex... where the system was used.

Affidavits That Affect Real Es... was a subject on which Circuit ... Allen of Decatur was able to ... some valuable information to his ... clerks. In most counties affi... ...vits are indexed in the name of ... maker of the affidavit. Here they ... recorded and indexed in the name ... the estate or according to the tech... ...al description of the land. They ... indexed and recorded in the same ... which affords great convenience ... only to the recorder but to oth... persons interested.

In the discussion relating to the ... forms of summons, praecipe, etc., ... developed that there are almost as ... forms in use as there are coun... ...in the state. Arrangements were ... to look over all forms, select the ... points from all of them and make ... a list of uniform papers for use ... throughout the state. This will not ... give the clerks the simplest and ... forms, but will be of considerable ... to the sheriffs and others who ... to do with legal papers of vari... ...sorts.

[Res]olutions were passed thanking ... local officials, the newspapers, etc. ... owing to the fact that court is al... ... in session in December it was ... to hold the next convention ... August. Joliet was selected as the ... place of meeting.

The old officers were re-elected as follows:

President—Frank E. George, Kane county.

Vice President—C. Kunnemen, Mad... county.

Treasurer—Benj. Rich, Sangamon county.

Secretary—John Allen, Macon county.

Bethany.

... McLaughlin has gone to Louisi...

... Harve Moore went to Missou... to look after his farm. He thinks of ... moving there next year.

Go to the postoffice and get a Single ... cigar. They are the best on the market.

... is renting around Bethany at ... per acre.

... Ward has returned from Eu... where he has been attending col... ...ge.

Mr. Lamsden, of Monticello, visited ... son, J. A. Lamsden of this place ... first of the week.

J. A. Mahon is visiting his uncle, W. Mahan, of this place.

R. L. Vanfossen is in Champaign county visiting friends.

... W. Atchison has rented the ... farm near Findlay and will move there in the spring. Mr. Atchi... is a good citizen and we regret to ... him move from our vicinity.

Hon. W. L. Jones who was raised ..., now a member of congress from Washington, will visit Cuba during the holidays. Jones is an observing man ... will doubtless acquire a knowl... of the Cuban people and condi... that will be of great value to ... and all concerned. Dec. 19.

AGAIN DELAYED.

[W]aiting for the State Board of Equalization to Give Figures.

[Fr]om Springfield comes the an... ...ement that the state board of equalization has reduced the assessed valuation of farm lands in Macon county nine per cent. This announcement is via the Associated Press. The county clerk has not yet received that information. Even if he had he could not extend the taxes. The state board has other announcements which must be made before that work can be undertaken here.

The tax collectors are due to start out on January 10 but until the state board furnishes all of the data, County Clerk Dodd and his assistants cannot start on the work. Last year the final figures were not received here until December 24 and the books were completed for the collectors on January 10. That quick work was accomplished by working a day and a night force. Macon county was the first in the state to get out the tax books. County Clerk Dodd says that in order that the books be completed by January 10 all of the data should be in his office not later than the first of December.

McKINNIS KEPT BUSY

Swearing Out Warrants For the Arrest of Andy Gasaway.

Justice McCoy issued a wholesale lot of warrants on Wednesday evening as a result of a disagreement between Louis McKinnis and Andy Gasaway. The story is that McKinnis had a quantity of apples stored in the Harpstrite building. Gasaway agreed to buy the apples and to pay for them as they were taken from the building. McKinnis claims that Gasaway did not do this and on Wednesday night when McKinnis found Gasaway in the building he ordered him out. Gasaway refused and McKinnis had a state warrant sworn out for his arrest. When Gasaway was brought up town, McKinnis found that Gasaway had an assistant who also refused to leave the building until he was arrested on a ... warrant. In the meantime Gasaway had been taken before Justice McCoy and fined. He was let go on his own recognizance. He hastened back to the scene of the trouble and before McKinnis could get back from the second warrant Gasaway had taken possession of the building and the apples. He refused to leave the building and McKinnis again swore out a warrant for him. In the meantime Gasaway had secured another assistant and when he had been placed under bond McKinnis was compelled to swear out another state warrant to rid the building of the second assistant appointed by Gasaway.

The case came up before Justice McCoy Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The parties got together and decided to turn over the keys of the building to Constable Lloyd until the state case against Gasaway for trespassing is tried. The value of the apples is $100 and Gasaway has paid about $30 of that amount.

TO SHELBYVILLE.

Two Glenn Boys Sent There Thursday.

City Attorney Walter and Truant Officer J. C. Owens sent the two boys of C. B. Glenn to the orphan's home at Shelbyville. Rev. Slack, who is in charge of the home came here Thursday and took the children home. Readers of The Herald will remember that the children were found in an old house back of the Wabash round house some months ago without food or clothing. They were temporarily placed in the Millikin home. The little girl will be kept at the home, but it was decided to send the boys where they could be better taken care of.

WIFE BEATER FINED.

Judge Smith Expresses An Opinion For the Benefit of Renfro.

In the county court Thursday Judge Smith handed down an opinion to Robert Renfro and then assessed Renfro $10 and costs.

Yesterday Mrs. Renfro made complaint to the state's attorney that she had been cruelly beaten by her husband. The assault of which she especially complained was made on Friday December 12 and her face was bruised and blackened as a result of that assault.

When arraigned in the county court to answer the charge Assistant State's Attorney Hogan told the judge what he had heard. Both the attorney and the culprit was questioned. He said that he and his wife had had a little disagreement about the children and he started toward her with the intention of kissing her and she dared him to strike her. In response to that dare he made just the slightest motion and she bumped into his hand and hurt herself.

The woman had told the state's attorney that she had worked as a washwoman and earned some money which her husband demanded should be surrendered to him.

The court questioned Renfro who said that his fighting weight was 1?2 pounds and that his wife weighed 100 pounds. He admitted that sometimes he fought with men and that he was as a rule able to take care of himself in such encounters.

The court handed out an opinion to the effect that Renfro was a contemptible cur for assaulting his wife and fined him $20 and costs on each of the two counts to which Renfro pleaded guilty. In default of payment Renfro went to jail.

PARDON FOR FAIRY.

Charles Hardy Is Seeking A Pardon For His Wife.

Charles Hardy is seeking a pardon for his wife who last March was convicted in the circuit court on an indictment charging her with malicious mischief. She threw bricks through two large plate glass windows in a Franklin street restaurant, and for that offense was sentenced to the penitentiary. She has been in the prison at Joliet since March 18.

The board of pardons will consider the application at their meeting to be held on February 18. State's Attorney Redmon has written a letter for presentation to the pardon board saying that he believed that the woman had by her term of imprisonment been sufficiently punished.

The number of sales made this week at the F. T. Phillips' special sale of pianos and organs demonstrates the effect of judicious use of printers' ink coupled with the extraordinary prices and terms given.

DROPPED DEAD

Col. S. C. Crowell of Maroa Expires While on Business Visit to Mueller, Platt & Wheeland's.

VALVULAR HEART DISEASE.

Was Eighty Years Old and Well Known in Maroa.

Colonel S. C. Crowell, manager of the W. R. Carle grocery at Maroa, dropped dead while transacting business at the wholesale house of Mueller, Platt & Wheeland in Decatur Thursday morning.

Death came almost in an instant and was a great shock to the owners and employes of the house. Colonel Crowell entered the store about 10 o'clock and after greeting George W. Mueller, stepped to the radiator to warm his hands. Mr. Mueller after the greeting returned to his desk ten feet from the radiator. When he looked up presently he saw Col. Crowell reeling toward his desk and he asked him what was the matter. There was no reply as at that instant the man fell backwards heavily on the floor.

Mr. Mueller, Thomas W. Watson and others about the store rushed to where he lay, lifted his head and began fanning him. Attempts to learn what affected the sick man proved useless as he could not talk. Dr. J. S. King who has an office across the street from the store, was sent for, but when he arrived and examined the pulse of the prostrate man it was almost imperceptible. In a few seconds after the doctor arrived he pronounced the man dead.

After the excitement caused by the sudden death, the body was taken into the Wikoff & Moran undertaking rooms and prepared for burial. Friends of the dead man were notified by wire of his death and the relatives came to the city at once.

At 1:30 o'clock Coroner Dawson held an inquest over the body. Mr. Mueller, Mr. Watson, Dr. King and J. W. Fritz testified to facts as given above. Dr. King stated that death was evidently caused by valvular heart affection and a verdict was returned in accordance with the doctor's testimony. The coroner's jury was composed of Dr. J. S. King, S. F. Perry, Jesse Fisher, G. W. Battles, P. J. Lowe and W. R. Adams.

Col. Crowell was 80 years old. He had been complaining of not feeling well for several weeks, but just before his death he seemed to be enjoying the best of health. He was a native of Ohio and a veteran of the civil war. He was a Knights Templar, holding a membership in Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9 of Decatur. He is survived by a son, Loyal Crowell, and a daughter, Lottie, who is married and lives at Clinton. He also leaves three sisters. They are Mrs. Peter M. Wikoff, Mrs. T. N. Leavitt and Mrs. Elizabeth Crowell, all of Maroa.

THE DAY IN COURT

No One Pretends to Say When the End of the Note Case Will Come.

THE CAUSE OF THE DISPUTE

Judge Cochran Gants a Woman a Decree of Divorce.

The Hight-Walker case still holds the boards in the circuit court. No one pretends to say when the end will come. E. L. Hight one of the witnesses for the prosecution was called to the stand Wednesday afternoon. He was on the stand still when court adjourned Thursday night.

If the jury is able ever to make head or tail out of all of the testimony that they have heard they will do more than any one in the court room, except perhaps those directly interested in the case, will ever be able to do.

Not a little of the evidence is documentary in the sense that it is from books of the firms concerned. These books were originally in the hands of the attorneys for the prosecution and were afterwards loaned to the attorneys for the defense in order that they might familiarize themselves with some of the figures. Thursday one of the attorneys for the prosecution charged that while the books were in the hands of the attorneys for the defense changes were made in them. The bland retort was, "We didn't change them any more than you did."

In this case Hight & Son sue to recover on a note for $5000 given a number of years ago. John W. Walker borrowed money from the Hight bank and gave the note. Elijah Walker was one of the sureties. The note was extended, Elijah Walker says without his consent, and if that is true he is not liable. John W. Walker failed and the note was unpaid. John Walker had an insurance policy which was worth a trifle over $8000. That he surrendered to the Hight bank. Walker says that it was agreed that from that $8000 there was to be given credit for the full value of the note. At that time, however, Walker's account at the Hight bank was overdrawn about $11,000, and the bank men say that the $8000 insurance money was to be credited on the overdraft and not on the note.

These docket orders were entered.

Chancery.

Eleanor Foster vs. George W. Foster; divorce. Leave to file amended bill and rule on defendant to answer instanter. Defendant defaulted. Cause heard by court and decree as prayed.

Law.

Caroline Woolfe vs. Peter Halmbacher et al.; case. Plea of general issue to stand as to amended declaration.

THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Annual Report of State Superintendent Bayliss.

The report of the state superintendent of public instruction has been completed and is now in the hands of the public printer. It will be ready for distribution when the general assembly meets. The report contains some interesting statistics in relation to the schools of the state.

The last school census shows that there were in the state at the time it was taken 1,601,175 persons between the ages of 6 and 21 years, and that there were 22,273 more boys than girls. The total school enrollment was 971,841, and the daily average attendance was 765,075. The division of the enrollment was as follows:

Boys in graded schools, 314,921; girls in graded schools, 322,881; boys in ungraded schools, 174,881; girls in ungraded schools, 159,851.

There are in the state of Illinois 11,734 school districts. Of these 106 had school less than six months and thirty-two had no school last year. The average length of the school year was 7.6 months in the state.

Log Schools Are Disappearing.

There are 12,865 school houses in the state and 169 of them were built within the year. Last year the report showed twenty-two log school houses in the state but five of them have been replaced with other structures and the state now has only seventeen of these pioneer schools.

Of the schools 2,151 are classed as grade and 10,704 are ungraded. Of the graded schools 350 are high schools having courses of study that cover from three to four years over the eighth grade work.

Last year 27,186 teachers were employed in the state. In the graded schools were 2433 male and 12,278 female teachers. In the ungraded schools the proportion of male teachers was much larger. There were 4,367 male and 8,108 female teachers in these schools. The monthly wages paid to male teachers ranged from $12.50 to $300 a month. Female teachers received wages ranging from $10 to $250 a month. The average wages of male teachers were $64.55 and of female teachers $54.18 a month.

The whole number of persons between the ages of 6 and 21 years reported as unable to read and write was 614. The assigned causes of illiteracy were: Indigence of parents, 39; inaccessible schols, 25; neglect of parents, 184; ill health, weakness of mind, blindness, foreign birth and deafness, 366.

The report shows that there are 1,008 private schools. In these are 70,446 boys and 74,026 girls. The whole number of teachers in private schools reported is 3,963, and 1,317 of them are males.

During the year 75,495 volumes were added to the 6,447 district school libraries. The whole number of volumes in the district school libraries is 722,421.

DEAD DOG FOR SALE.

Its No Fault of the Owner That The Brute is Dead.

Saturday in the court of Justice Provost the suit of Shepherd against Blackwood will be called. The parties at interest live near Warrensburg. Shepherd sues for $35 the value of a dog alleged to have been killed by Blackwood or perhaps it would be as well to say the alleged value of a dog killed by Blackwood.

According to the story from Warrensburg a dog belonging to Shepherd was seen hiking across the farm of Blackwood going in the direction of the chicken coop. Thinking that he knew what that meant Blackwood headed off the brute with a load and shot and smiled in satisfaction for he felt that he had saved his chickens. Shepherd doesn't see it that way and demands damages.

YATES PLANS TO VISIT CUBA.

Governor to Spend Two Days on Island Before Returning Home.

Springfield, Ill. Dec. 18.—Governor Yates expects to return from Florida, where he went to recuperate from his illness, on Dec. 30, but before returning the executive will visit Cuba, spending two days upon the island. Acting Governor Northcott received a message this evening from Governor Yates stating that he will go to Cuba on a short trip. He will leave Miama, Fla., on Sunday afternoon. Governor Yates also telegraphed that he will have his message to the legislature in readiness for presentation when he returns.

Deeds Recorded.

John Strope to Alice G. Bowyer, lot 8 in block 7 in Western add to Decatur, —$5000.

Florence N. Catto to John Strope, lot 4 in block 2 in the resurvey of block 2 in Western add to Decatur—$4800.

S. D. May to Samantha J. Barber, lot 1 in block 1 in Oakland add to Decatur—$550.

F. M. Pratt to Ralph E. Pratt 80 feet off lot 7 in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of 23, 16, 2 east; lot 8 in block 1 in Enterprise add to Decatur; lot 5 in block 1 in Oakland place add to Decatur; an undivided one-half interest in lot 2 in A. W. Reeve's add to Decatur.—$1.

MAYBE MR. GASTMAN

President of State Board of Education to Be Elected.

E. A. Gastman left Thursday for Normal to attend the semi-annual meeting of the state board of education. The meeting will be held today and the first matter to come up will be to elect a president to fill the vacancy made by the death of Judge Green of Cairo. It is understood that Superintendent Gastman is the man slated for the position. The position is a responsible one.

Marriage License.

Arlington B. Creviston, Decatur ..26
Cora Davis, Decatur 24

See the advertisement of F. T. Phillips' great piano and organ special sale in this issue, page 6. If you need an instrument this will certainly attract your consideration.

If the Monroe doctrine means anything the South American situation is a very critical one for this country.

THE MARKETS

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 18—Wheat—No. 2 red, 77; No. 3 red, 71 to 75; No. 2 hard, 74 to 75; No. 3 hard, 68 to 71 1-2. December 73.

Corn—No. 2, No. 2 white and No. 2 yellow, 46 3-4 to 48 1-2; No. 3 new, 33 to 36; No. 3 new yellow, 34 1-2 to 35; December, 36 3-8.

Oats—No. 2, 30 to 30 1-2; No. 3, 30; No. 2 white, 34 to 36; No. 3 white, 30 to 32 1-2; No. 4 white, 29 to 30 1-2; standard, 31 1-2 to 35; December, 31 3-4.

The Fluctuations.

Wheat—May opened 77 3-8 to 77 1-2; highest 77 1-2 to 77 5-8; lowest 76 1-2; closed 76 1-2 to 76 5-8.

Corn—May opened 33 1-2 to 33 5-8; highest 33 3-4; lowest 33 to 33 1-8; closing 33 to 33 1-8.

Oats—May opened 32 3-4 to 32 7-8; highest 32 3-4 to 32 7-8; lowest 32 1-8; closing 32 1-2 to .. 5-8.

Other Quotations.

Barley—38 to 58.
Flax—$1.15 to $1.23.
Clover—$10.75.
Timothy—Jan. $4.25.

Receipts and Shipments.

	Repts.	Ship.
Flour	49,000	32,000
Wheat	82,000	21,000
Corn	241,000	133,000
Oats	209,000	153,000

Provisions.

Pork—Jan. $16.50; May $15.62.
Lard—Jan. $9.70; May $9.10.
Ribs—Jan. $8.37; May $8.30.
Rye—Cash, May 48 1-2.

Wheat at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 18.—Wheat—December, 73 1-8; May, 74 1-2 to 5-8. On track: No. 1 hard, 74 3-4; No. 1 northern, 73 3-4; No. 2 northern, 72 1-4.

Grain at Liverpool.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Wheat.—Spot, firm; No. 2 red western winter, 5s, 11 1-2d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 5s, 2d; American mixed, old, 5s, 3 1-2d.

New York Markets.

New York, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Receipts 36,000. Spot easier; No. 2 red, 82 3-8 elevator; No. 2 red, 78 3-4 f o b and afloat. Options closed weak at 1-2 to 7-8 decline. December, 82 3-4; May, 80 3-8.

Corn—Receipts 15,000; exports, 1,000. Spot easy; No. 2, 62 elevator and 59 1-2 f o b and afloat; No. 2 yellow, 60 1-2; No. 2 white, 61. Options closed easy and 3-8 to 3-4 net lower. December 58 1-2; May, 48 1-8.

Oats.—Receipts 77,000; exports 2,000. Spot quiet; No. 2, 37 1-2; track white, 37 1-2 to 43; standard white, No. 2 white, 38 1-4. Options dull and easy.

Produce.

Butter—Steady; creamery 22 to 30.
Cheese.—Steady. Large and small 13 to 13 3-4.
Eggs—Weaker, western 20 to 26.

Grain at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Wheat, cash, nominal; May 75 5-8.
Corn—Cash 44; May 39 1-8.
Oats—Cash 32; May, 32.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts 12,500; very slow; good to prime, $5.60 to $6.50; poor to medium, $3 to $5.25; stockers, $2 to $4.50; cows, $1.25 to $4.60; Texans, $3.75 to $4.50.

Hogs—Receipts 34,000; market 10 lower; mixed butchers, $5.90 to $6.30; good to choice heavy, $6.40 to $6.70; rough heavy, $6 to $6.35; light, $5.75 to $6.15; bulk sales, $6.15 to $6.30.

Sheep.—Receipts 15,000; market steady to strong; sheep $2.75 to $4.50; Lambs—$3.75 to $6.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Butter.—Quiet, steady; creameries, 18 to 28 1-8, dairies 17 to 25.

Eggs.—Firm; 24 to 25.

Poultry.—Active; turkeys 15 to 18; chickens, 9 to 11.

Live Stock at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts 4,000. Market steady; beef steers, $3.80 to $4; stockers and feeders, $2.35 to $4; cows and heifers, $2.25 to $4.75; Texas steers, $2.60 to $4.80.

Hogs—Receipts 5,000, 15 to 20 lower. Range, $6 to $6.40.

DECATUR MARKETS.

POULTRY—LIVE WEIGHT.

Hens	.08	to	
Springs	.09	to	
Ducks	.08	to	
Geese	.07	to	
Turkeys	.06	to	.12
Eggs, fair demand at	.22	to	
Eggs, fair demand at	.23	to	

Only plump, young turkeys will bring the top price. The egg market shows signs of a little weakness. There is a good demand for all fowls.

Look at the Money Jar.

GRAIN.

Corn (new)	.33	to	.35
Wheat	.65	to	
Oats	.23	to	.26
Rye	.40	to	

For large lots, 1,000 or more bushels, 37½ cents are bid.

WHOLESALE HAY AND STRAW.

Timothy Hay, per ton	$ 9.50	to	$10.50
Prairie hay	10.50	to	11.00
Wheat straw, per ton	4.00	to	4.50
Oats straw, per ton	4.00	to	5.00
Shredded fodder	5.00	to	7.00

FEED.

Oats, per bu	.35	to	.40
New corn, per bu	.45	to	.50
Bran, per cwt.			.90
Shorts, per cwt.			1.10
Ground corn, per cwt.			1.40
Ground corn and oats, per cwt	1.15	to	1.20
Linseed oil meal, per cwt.			1.60

HAY AND STRAW.

Timothy, per cwt.	.65	to	.70
Prairie hay, per cwt.	.60	to	.65
Clover, per cwt.	.60	to	
Wheat straw, per cwt.	.30	to	.35
Oats straw, per cwt.	.35	to	.40

WANTED!

1000 TURKEYS at once at the DECATUR MARKET, 753 North Water street. Name your price and number you can furnish.

HUNDREDS WANT HUSBANDS.

Girls of Troy, N. Y., Would Go to the West to Get Them.

Some joker has been circulating a report in the East that Tacoma, Wash., is short on girls, and that 500 prospectives brides from the East are wanted. Papers in Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio have been recently printing items to this effect with the result that the mayor and postmaster of Tacoma are receiving a deluge of letters from maidens who either wish to come west or to give their sisters a chance.

Miss Nora Nelson of Troy, N. Y., declares in a letter that Troy is just as long on girls as Tacoma seems short. She says 500 would willingly go to Tacoma and other coast points and settle down as wives of good workingmen. The great collar factories of Troy employ thousands of girls with the result that the city contains hundreds more young women than men. She says Troy can supply 500 girls within a week if details at Tacoma can be arranged to their satisfaction.

Miss Pearl Laddie of Hurlburt avenue, Detroit, writes that many Detroit girls would also go west under similar conditions.

CAUGHT AT PEKIN.

Embezzling Iowa Postmaster Admits His Guilt.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 18.—Nels C. Matson, postmaster of Middletown, Des Moines county, Iowa, wanted by the government since May 5 last, for embezzlement of postoffice money order funds to the extent of $300, was arrested in Pekin today. He acknowledged his guilt and was remanded to the county jail.

Postmaster Payne Ill.

Washington, Dec. 18.—While on his way to the White house today, shortly after noon to see the president, Postmaster General Payne suffered an attack of acute indigestion. He was driven to his hotel and a physician summoned. The patient was relieved this afternoon and hopes to be in his office tomorrow.

Advocates Arbitration.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Shaffroth of Colorado before the house committee on foreign affairs advocated a joint resolution authorizing the president to propose arbitration in the Venezuelan affair. He expressed the opinion that the trouble in Venezuela will not end until the United States guarantees the payment of whatever demands are made.

WHAT IS A KISS?

Various Definitions In Answer to the Question.

"What's a kiss, anyhow?" Some one once asked, and seven thousand people, more or less, replied as they were moved. Here are a few things that a kiss is:

Nothing, divided between two.

Not enough for one, just enough for two, too much for three.

The only really agreeable, two-faced action under the sun, or on the moon, either.

A woman's most effective argument whether to cajole the heart of a father, control the humors of a husband, or console the griefs of childhood.

A kiss from a pretty girl is like having hot treacle poured down your back by angels.

Printing without ink, leaving no visible impression.

Contraction of the mouth, due to enlargement of the heart.

An article that is always accepted, and (im) printed, but not always published.

A gift which is sometimes expected, seldom rejected, though often returned.

A tonic which may be administered with safety in childhood, but with great caution when childhood is past.

A kiss once given is never lost. It can be restored.

WORKMEN FIND A "BIRD STONE"

Fine Specimen of Prehistoric Relic Unearthed at Streator, Ill.

At Streator, Ill., a fine specimen of the prehistoric "bird stone" was unearth a few days ago by workmen employed by the Chicago & Alton railroad. It is five and a half inches long and an inch and a half high, and archeologists have pronounced it a magnificent specimen.

A "bird stone," which is of the undefined class of prehistoric ornaments or charms which have been called "ceremonials," represents ... age art of no mean degree. This specimen is finely finished and polished and is extraordinary in its workmanship, gracefulness and beauty. It represents, perhaps, the highest achievement of prehistoric American art.

Many theories regarding its use made of "bird stones" are fanciful. It has been asserted that they are worn by married Indian women. Again, it is claimed that "bird stones" are worn by Indian conjurers, and still another guess is that they were bound to the prows of canoes. It has also been guessed that they were employed in playing a game; that they were totems of tribes and clans, and that they were talismans in some way connected with the hunt for water fowl.

This "bird stone" unearthed by the Chicago and Alton engineers must have been hammered or pecked into shape, and afterward ground to its present form, and then polished diligently, for it is nearly as smooth as glass. Consideration of the then existing conditions demonstrates the difficulty of making the object and the dexerity and workmanship required.

The advertising columns of the Decatur Herald will show you where to get your Christmas presents to the best advantage.

"INCURABLE" HEART DISEASE SOON CURED.

Franklin Miles, M. D., LL. B., Will Send $4.00 Worth of His Specially Prescribed Treatment Free to Afflicted Readers.

To demonstrate the unusual curative powers of his New Special Treatment for diseases of the heart, nerves, stomach or dropsy, Dr. Miles will send free to any afflicted person, $4.00 worth of his new treatment.

It is the result of twenty-five years of careful study, extensive research, and remarkable experience in treating thousands of heart, stomach and nervous diseases, which so often complicate each case. So certain are the results of his New Treatment that he does not hesitate to give all patients a trial free.

Few physicians have such confidence in their skill. Few physicians so thoroughly deserve the confidence of their patients, as no false inducements are ever held out. The Doctor's private practice is so extensive as to require the aid of forty associates. His offices are always open to visitors.

Colonel N. G. Parker, ex-treasurer of South Carolina, says, "I believe Dr. Miles to be an attentive and skillful physician, in a field which requires the best qualities of head and heart." The late Prof. J. S. Jewell, M. D., editor of the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases, of Chicago, wrote, "By all means publish your surprising results."

Hundreds of "Incurable cases" cured. Mrs. Frank Smith of Chicago was cured of heart dropsy, after five leading physicians had given her up. Hon. C. M. Buck, banker, Faribault, Minn., writes: "I had broken completely down. My head, heart, stomach and nerves had troubled me greatly for years. Feared I would never recover, but Dr. Miles' Special Treatment cured me after six eminent physicians of Chicago and elsewhere had completely failed." Mrs. P. Countryman of Pontiac, Ill., says: "Several years ago when I sent to Dr. Miles for treatment, three physicians said I could not live two weeks. I could not walk six feet; now I do all my work. 1,000 references to, and testimonials from bishops, clergymen, bankers, farmers, and their wives will be sent free. These include many who have been cured after from 5 to 30 physicians have pronounced them incurable.

For free treatment address Dr. Franklin Miles, 201 to 213 State street, Chicago, Ill. When writing mention The Decatur Herald.

FARMERS COLUMN

BARRED ROCK COCKERELS FOR SALE—Conger strain. Score 89 to 92 1-2 Weigh 6 to 9 pounds. Also some unscored birds. Prices reasonable. Write or call at house 2 1-2 miles southwest of Mt. Zion.—Mrs. L. B. Hughes, Mt. Zion, Ill.—19-w4w.

THIRTEEN CABINETS and an easel make an East End Galley doz. at $1 and up. Three styles of finish, smooth, matt and special steel. Dark days all right for making negatives. Sunday hours 1 to 5 p. m. 1079 East Eldorado.—19-w2t.

FOR SALE—75 vehicles at bargain prices. This is the retail stock of J. S. & H. C. Starr, and will be sold quick. The reason for cutting prices on his stock is that next year we will manufacture all the vehicles we sell. On account of necessary changes in buildings preparatory for factory work our entire stock of vehicles is now located in the old Linn & Scruggs building, E. Williams St., Cor. Franklin. D. P. Raper in charge.—5-wtf

FOR SALE—The entire retail stock of vehicles of J. S. & H. C. Starr at prices ranging for buggies from $45.00 to $100.00, and for surreys from $75.00 to $200.00. Driving wagons and rubber tire goods go regardless of cost. If you are looking for a bargain in any kind of a vehicle, you can sure get it now. Regardless of season, low prices will move this stock quick. Next year we will manufacture all the goods we sell. For further particulars call and see the goods at the old Linn & Scruggs building, E. Williams St., Cor. Franklin. D. P. Raper in charge.—5-wtf

FOR SALE—Good black land in Audrain Co., Mo., at prices ranging from $25 to $60 per acre. Their corn crop for 1902 was equal to that of Macon Co.; 420 acres within 3 miles of market at $27.50 per acre; 250 on mail and telephone route, close to church and school, for only $42.50 per acre; 80 acres with fair improvements, only $25 per acre; 300 acres within 2 miles of good town, highly improved, at $18 per acre; 240 acres, good 10 room house two new barns, every acre fenced pig tight, price $47.50 per acre. We will be glad to furnish information upon request. Call or address, Maxhimer & Austin, 114 N. Water st., Decatur Ill. —w2t

WANTED—Everybody to buy a meal ticket at the Farmer's Restaurant. Meals, 15 cents; 7 meals, 95 cents; 21 meals, $2.75, 451 North Water street. S. T. Myers, prop.—Nov.4-wtf

FOR SALE—Good solid stool chairs from 1 to 300. Also good hard and soft coal heaters and cook stoves big size, wood or cob stoves at $3.50. Cigar press and molds and letter press. Chance, first room south of St. Nicholas.—14-w.

FOR SALE—Two splendid farms 123 acres each, side by side, will be sold separately or together. They are well improved, perfectly tiled and as good deep black land as there is in this world. They are half a mile south of Lintner and 3 miles west of Hammond. R. L. Walston, Decatur, Ill.—Dec 16-wtf

FOR SALE—House and lot No 953 North Union St. Small cash payment; balance in monthly payments to suit purchaser. Address W. H. Harnsbarger, No. 1615 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.—16—w4t

SEE the special steel photos at the East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado, $2 and up per doz., including premium easel. Dollar photos as usual. Sunday hours 1 to 5 p. m. Dark days all right. —16-w2t

WANTED—1,000 turkeys at Decatur Market, 753 N. Water. Name your price and number you can furnish. Let me hear from you at once.—16-w2t

Done In Siam.

Siamese reporters are not quite so deft as our own specimens, but they have a fine impressionistic touch which charms the jaded fancy. Here is an account of a murder from that happy land:

"Shooting Outrage. Oh, Fearful Agony!. Khoon Tong, one of Phya Song's staff, was on a mission to Lampoon, and on his return instantly shot dead by some miscreants, scoundrels. Oh, untimely death. Oh, fearful! All friends expressed their morne. The cowardice dog is still at large, six soldiers and six policemen were at once dispatched."

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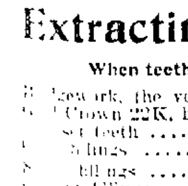
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FRA ELBERTUS

THE PHILISTINE EDITOR CRITICALLY EXAMINED BY GENE BALDWIN OF PEORIA STAR.

CALLS HIM A GREAT GRAFTER.

Using His Philosophy as a Cover For His Gross Sensuality.

At last the mystery that has surrounded the Roycroft shop at Aurora has been lifted, and the thing has developed, just as every one supposed it would all along, into a first class scandal. Elbert Hubbard is the son of old Dr. Hubbard of Hudson, McLean county. When he grew up to manhood he essayed various enterprises. He became a reporter on the old Chicago Times and he attempted to break into literature. Finally a sister of his married a man by the name of Larkin in Buffalo, N. Y., who was a manufacturer of soap. Hubbard became interested with him, devised a new scheme of advertising, put the soap on the market and made a fortune out of it. Then his early liking for literature came back to him. Various magazine editors had refused his articles and so he backed up a small printing office in East Aurora, near Buffalo, and issued a magazine of his own, which he called "The Phillistine," and in which he roasted everybody, declaring that his publication was "a periodical of protest." The idea took and the Phillistine gained an enormous circulation. Then Hubbard developed a peculiar graft. He started a community of home-made artists called the Roycrofters, in East Aurora, whose primary idea was "to put joy into their work." Of late Hubbard's utterances as printed in the Phillistine have degenerated into a sloppy sentimentality, in which he has avowed free love sentiments. It was not hard to see whither he was drifting, and the denouement has now come in the shape of a divorce filed by his wife, charging that Hubbard had improper relations with a school teacher named Miss Alice Moore, a child was born to them, and that he has been living in adulterous intercourse with her at Denver and in Massachusetts. Miss Moore now lives at Concord and the neighbors allege that he has made frequent visits to her, sometimes accompanied by his son. This is the outcome of Fra Elbertus' intense sympathy for his fellow man. It shows that he has been putting "joy into his work" for some purpose and that all of his philosophy has only been a cover for the grossest sensuality. His wife was a Miss Bertha Crawford of Bloomington. They were married in June, 1881, at Normal, and four children were born to them. One of the boys has been used as an advertisement for a breakfast food, his father alleging that the athletic figure of the youth was a direct tribute to the virtues of the diet on that preparation. This will probably be the beginning of the end of the Roycroft factory. Hubbard has posed as one of the instances where capital and labor could be brought into harmony, but it seems that he is simply a grafter of the most pronounced type. His lectures, his poses, his long hair, his studied indifference in dress, are all simple baits to his trap. He has made a great deal of money for he has never hesitated to charge the highest price for his so-called art works, but now that the mask has been torn off, it is shown that he has been leading a double life. There is something dangerous in this sort of philosophy, this emotional gushing, sloppy, tearful exploiting of the sexual relation. When a man of Hubbard's physical type gathers around him a lot of women and professes to be profoundly interested in the fallen sisterhood, the chances are that he is as bad as the penitent he professes to reform, and the result always is a scandal of huge proportions. Beecher tried it and Beecher failed, and Fra Elbertus has gone the road that all reformers of that type travel. It will be remembered that in a recent number of the Phillistine he severely scored Mrs. Beecher because she did not recognize the fact that Beecher belonged, not to one, but to all women, and he declared that she ought to have surrendered her individual right for the sake of the suffering souls to whom Henry Ward delighted to minister. The unfortunate thing of this philosophy is that it makes a man false to his own household and false to those who ought to be near and dear to him. The whole thing promises to be a disgraceful scandal.—Peoria Star.

BASEBALL BRIEFS.

The new Joliet team has been incorporated and has already raised $1,600 of the necessary capital of $5,000. The interests of the Joliet Standard base-ball club will probably be merged with those of the new organization. The Standards have advertised Joliet extensively in a base ball way. They have a complete new set of uniforms, with hats, balls, bases and other equipment, which, together with the good will of the old organization, will be turned over to the new corporation. If everything is arranged satisfactorily the Joliet Standards will probably be dissolved and the field left clear for the league team. The new incorporation papers are already here, having been forwarded by the secretary of state. They are being circulated among the friends of the sport and the stock is being subscribed for at a satisfactory rate. Between $1,200 and $1,500 has been raised without any particular effort. Between $500 and $1,000 more is wanted.

Figures prepared by President Sexton on the mileage and expenses of the proposed new Three-I circuit favor the new combination by a large margin. The saving to each club on the season's traveling in the proposed new circuit is $328.32, certainly more than could be covered by the "excess" handed the visiting clubs by both Terre Haute and Evansville put together. In the old circuit the number of miles traveled by each club in a trip was per season makes $6,226.56 forthe eight clubs. With the new clubs each club will travel 625 miles, the eight clubs travelling 15,000 miles during the season. This will cost them by the same basis of figuring, $3,600, which is just $2,626.56 less than by the old circuit. Dividing this by eight, each club is saved just $328.32 on the season. Which is of itself pretty good argument in favor of the new circuit, if everything can be arranged satisfactorily in the new cities.

For the second time Fred Pfeffer, last year manager for Decatur, has obtained damages in his suit against the New York base ball club. A jury before Justice Dugro in the supreme court returned a verdict in favor of the once great second baseman for $737. Pfeffer was suspended without salary in 1896 after having played but one or two games, the club claiming that he could not get into condition. He sued for his season's salary.

NEWS NOTES.

UNION LABEL.

The local Cigar Makers' union has provided every merchant who sells the union label cigars with a small easel, on which is a forest scene with the union label engraved. The contest against the trust cigars has not ceased by any means.

RE-ASSIGNMENT OF RUNS.

Yesterday there was a reassignment of the runs on the street car system. These changes are made every three or four months by the management.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

The North Main M. E. church will hold a Christmas program on December 24 at the church. The entertainment will be in charge of the Sunday school and the numbers will be furnished by the pupils of the school.

SPRAINED WRIST.

Harry Crea who played one of the guards in the Y. M. C. A. basket ball game with Springfield on Monday night is suffering with a sprained wrist.

CHRISTMAS CIGARS.

All the cigar manufacturers are complaining about a scarcity of cigar makers. The demand for Christmas cigars this season is larger than ever before. The little box of twelve cigars which sells for 50 cents is the popular seller and cigar factories are being pushed to the limit to get out enough to supply the demand.

BROKE HIS COLLAR BONE.

Harley Peel, the 16-year-old son of A. Peel, living two and one-half miles south of Hervey city, was riding horse back Saturday when his horse stumbled and threw him over its head, breaking his right collar bone. Harley had been to Mt. Zion and was nearly home when the accident happened.

GAVE HIM A CANE.

Dad Stearns Given a Pleasant Surprise Tuesday Night.

F. M. Sterns, landlord of The Decatur, was given a pleasant surprise last night. The job was arranged by J. M. Hull and Ben F. Huffman, chief conspirators. They have been guests at the Decatur since the day it was opened and last night they gave Dad Sterns a handsome cane. Alex. McIntosh made the presentation in the presence of about twenty friends who had been invited to witness the discomfiture of the recipient. Dad was the victim of considerable joshing during the presentation but at the close the speaker said that the gift was of pure friendship, and only one of the evidences of the kindly feeling that the boys had for Dad.

Host Sterns was completely surprised but after a moment he managed to collect himself and express his appreciation of the gift and the feelings which promoted it. He had written a little poem for publication on Christmas and while he is not ready to have it published he took into his confidence those present and read it to them. The sentiment expressed was generously applauded

The cane is a pretty one of French cherry, with a crook handle and within carries a beautiful sword nearly the full length of the stick. Just below the handle there is a silver band upon which is graven: "To Dad from Ben and Joe."

HELP FOR SUFFERING.

Decatur People Contributing to the Care of the Poor.

Through the appeal made to the people by the papers Supervisor Martin has been able to gather together quite a stock of shoes and clothing to be distributed among the worthy poor of the city. Tuesday the F. H. Cole Shoe company sent over about twenty-five pairs of new shoes and thirty pairs of rubbers. They are not exactly up-to-date in style but they are all good. The overseer has plenty of clothing right now for the grown up people but is still a little short in underwear for the children and still urges people to bring in garments of that class.

Tuesday was one of the busiest days of the winter. The cold made an unusually heavy demand for fuel and all of those who were found worthy of county aid were supplied.

ELEVATORS FULL OF CORN

But Cars are Scarce—Cold Weather May Help.

The country elevators are full of corn and the millers of Decatur are against a grain famine. The railroads cannot furnish cars to move the grain. It is said that in several instances the country buyers have been compelled to turn away deliveries because their houses are filled.

The Decatur millers are anxious that the cold weather shall continue for that will make it possible for the farmers living near the city to shell and deliver their grain by wagon and such deliveries would ease up the situation until the railroad companies can command more cars and empty the country elevators.

Visits Old Friends.

Bart Hubbard was in Decatur yesterday visiting his friends. He is now traveling out of Chicago for Grommes & Ullrich, one of the largest wholesale houses in their line in the country, and he has territory in eight states. Bart was known in Decatur best as an expert horse man and while here he handled a number of speedy animals. He learned the trick of handling track horses when he was a youngster and served his apprenticeship under Bud Doble. That's how he is on the road as a salesman. After he had acquired the knowledge of training horses he handled a string of flyers for Grommes of the firm he is now working for and when Grommes wanted a salesman he appealed to Bart because he knew the latter had a knack of making things go, and in that he has not been disappointed.

Shelbyville.

Shelbyville, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Chafee, wife of Dr. N. F. Chafee, died very suddenly at the family home here at 10:30 o'clock this morning, of heart failure. She was 64 years of age. She had been ill for some time, but her death was unexpected. This is one of Shelby county's best known families.

Marriage License.

W. R. Sample, Cerro Gordo 23
Jessie Watrous, Cisco 20

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Cuts, Wounds, Corns, Sore Feet and Stiff Joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at the drug stores of John E. King, McNier & Horral, and N. L. Krone.

YOUNG ATTORNEY

Caused An Objection To Be Raised In Trial of the Hight-Walker Case.

BEFORE JUDGE SMITH TUESDAY.

Misdemeanor Cases Are Being Disposed Of in County Court.

There was an incident in the circuit court Tuesday forenoon in the Hight-Walker case. Messrs. Crea and Buckingham have been conducting the case for the plaintiffs and have been doing all of the work in the examination of witnesses. Tuesday forenoon when the work was taken up Attorney Hugh Housum began the examination of witnesses. He is the youngest member of the Macon county bar and Messrs. Mills and Leforgee of the defense at once objected to his taking part in the trial of the case. They declared that it was contrary to all rules of practice for a new attorney to come into the case after the jury had been selected and said that it would be their right if Mr. Housum was permitted to come into the case, to examine all of the jurors as to their relations with Mr. Housum. Mr. Mills said that for all he knew not having gone into that question in the first examination of the jurors, touching their ability to sit in the case, any one of them might be a near relative of the young attorney and be prejudiced strongly in his favor. Judge Cochran asked the jurors if any of them were in any way related to the young man and when a negative answer was received Housum was told to proceed with the examination of the witnesses. He did so and acquitted himself after the manner of a veteran and on all sides won compliments for his work. All day long in behalf of the plaintiffs he conducted the examination of the witnesses.

Mr. Housum's appearance in the court room was not made for the first time on Tuesday. He has been there every day. During a part of the time that he has been preparing for the practice of law he has been a clerk in the office of Attorney Hugh Crea. Only recently he was admitted to the bar and the attorneys on the other side had evidently forgotten that fact and had regarded him only as a clerk.

The attorneys in this case do not pretend to say positively, when it will be concluded but intimate that the arguments may be commenced today.

There were only a few orders entered outside of this case during the day.

On an old indictment John Wolfington came into court and entered a plea of guilty to two counts of an indictment charging him with gaming. He paid a fine to $20 and costs.

The orders entered yesterday were as follows:

Another Plea for Divorce.

In the circuit court yesterday Theola Clymer filed a plea asking for a decree of divorce from her husband Albert A. Clymer. The couple married in April of this year and she says that she was compelled to leave him only a few days ago. She declares that she was subjected to cruel and inhuman treatment and that a few days ago her husband rushed at her with a knife in his hand declaring that he would cut her throat. She didn't wait to see if he meant what he said but fled. She asks permission to resume her maiden name Theola Sander.

Chancery.

Bank of Warrensburg et al vs. Jerome Culp et al; iter pleader and injunction Decree pro confesso as to all defendants not answering and referred to master.

Elsie Whitesides vs. William Whitesides, divorce. Motion for alimony allowed and defendant ordered to pay complainant $10 by January 1, 1903 and $10 for solicitors fee by time case is called for trial.

George K. Harris vs. Margaret Harris, divorce. Leave to file amended answer instanter and rule to pay alimony discharged.

Ella Murphy vs. Michael P. Murphy; divorce and injunction. Petition for citation and citation awarded returnable in six days.

Law.

Nona Bushart vs. Amandus H. Hill, trespass. Rule on defendant to plead to amended declaration by tomorrow morning.

W. R. Roberts vs. Henry L. Roberts, assumpsit Default and damages assessed by court at $1689.55. Judgment for same and execution awarded.

Peoples.

John Wolfington; gaming and gaming house. Defendant arraigned and pleads guilty to first and second count for gaming. Defendant fined $10 and costs on each count and to stand committed until fine and costs are paid.

THE COUNTY COURT.

Illegitimate Parentage Case—An Old Saloon Case on Trial.

Yesterday before Judge Smith Harry Cowdean was convicted of illegitimate parentage and sentenced to give a bond of $1100 for the support of the child. In default of the surety he went to jail.

Following that the case of the people vs. Sam Stern was taken up. Sam was formerly a saloon-keeper and is charged with selling liquor to minors. A jury is hearing the case.

The orders entered follow:

Samuel Stern; selling liquor to minors. Defendant arraigned and pleads not guilty. Trial by jury.

Harry P. Cowdean; bastardy. Trial by jury. Verdict of jury that defendant is guilty. Judgment on verdict for $550 and costs and committed.

Mart Tozier; assault with deadly weapon. Plea of guilty as to assault and battery. Fine of $5 and costs on each plea and to stand committed. Nolle as to other counts.

Venerable Singleton; carrying deadly weapons. Defendant arraigned and pleads guilty to fifth and sixth counts. Fined $10 and costs on each and to stand committed. Nolle as to other counts.

Investigation Ordered.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—The State factory inspector has ordered an investigation into the evidence before the strike commision that little girls are working nights.

A Million Voices

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A sever cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes: "It completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 pounds." It's positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles. Prices 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles 10c at the drug stores of John E. King, McNier & Horral, and N. L. Krone.

NEARBY TOWNS

Taylorville.

Charles Gill, aged 39 years, died at his home in Buckhart township. He is survived by his widow and four children.

Grant Post, Fraternal Army of America, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Captain, I. V. McAdoo; lieutenant, Esther Hester; chaplain, Florence Hoover; adjutant, E. E. Adams; trustee, E. Ruby.

Andrew J. Tice, aged 74 years, died at his home in Prairieton township.

Mrs. Jane Denton, executrix of the estate of J. W. Denton, deceased, has filed her final report and has been released.

J. W. Augur has made final settlement as administratrix of the estate of Asa Montgomery, deceased.

Secretary C. D. Simpson of the Christian County Poultry and Pet Stock association, has received over 400 entries for the annual exhibit, which will be held in Taylorville December 16, 17 and 18.

John Perry has resigned as secretary of the Christian County Building and Loan association.

The Taylorville indoor baseball team will play the Pana team in this city Monday evening.

Dixon C. Halliburton and Miss Anna Balch were married Tuesday by Rev. W. H. Harding.

Supervisor H. O. Minnis of Buckhart township tendered his resignation at a meeting of the board of supervisors Tuesday, Mr. Minnis was recently elected to the Illinois legislature.

In the county court Tuesday C. W. Morgret was apointed conservator for Jackson Morgret feeble minded.

Rev. W. E. Howard fell Friday evening and broke his arm.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

William E. Campbell to Edward Ellers, 80 acres in section 4, Rosemond township; $5,200.

Mary Winters to Christie Hillman, 80 acres in section 27, Rosemond township; $1,800.

Barbara Hines to Mary McLaren, lots 7 and 8, block 5, Sanders addition to Pana; $1,800.

Mary Stilts to Jacob Yoho, lot 2, block 2, Owaneco; $1,450.

W. L. Long to George Wahl, lots 1 and 2, block 32, Morrisonville; $1,500.

John T. McDonald to Matilda Woodall, lots 5 and 6, block 4, Clarksdale; $1,450.

Martha Moore to Edward Forrester, 20 acres in section 12, May township; $2,400.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

E. E. Gilbert, Latham 21
Edith Martin, Logan 18
D. C. Halliburton, Taylorville 43
Anna Balch, Taylorville 36
Ambrose Baughman, Taylorville ..20
Pearl Oyler, Taylorville 20

Dec. 16.

Garrett.

James E. Long brake of Clinton, Ill., spent Sunday with his son, Rev. E. H. Longbrake, pastor of the M. E. church.

The official members of the Garrett circuit M. E. church met in Garrett Wednesday and made plans for a new parsonage. The cost entire will be around $1,500.

The lecture by Rev. M. G. Coleman of Pana was called in till the weather and roads will permit of a better attendance.

C. E. Bradley, representative of the Williams Piona and Organ company, was in Garrett looking after the interests of that company.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church has arranged for an "Old Fashioned Spelling Match" and supper for New Year's night.

A revival is to commence at the M. E. church Jan. 4.

The Christian church will give a Christmas exercise.

The home of Ed Collins, which has been quarantined for some weeks on account of scarlet fever, was fumigated and the quarantine raised on Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph Ashnist, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, returned home Monday and is on the road to recovery.

Dec. 12.

Monticello.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the ladies of the First Presbyterian church held their annual bazaar at the court house Thursday and Friday and realized far beyond their expectations. The booths consisted of apron, miscellaneous, pillow, handkerchief (which were donated by friends from abroad), doll, candy and cook book. Two meals were served, and the cook book was compiled by the ladies of the church. They will realize nearly $250. The M. E. ladies hold their bazaar next Thursday and Friday.

Messrs. Walter and George Johnson were called to Topeka, Kans., Tuesday by the death of their sister, Mrs. Addie Johnson Miller.

The Farmers' Institute will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Roy Church, of the law firm of Love & Church, left Monticello Thursday and will locate in either Bloomington or Springfield.

Evangelist Birch is expected to spend Sunday, Dec. 21, with the Presbyterian church. He will hold three meetings that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Plunk went to Decatur Friday for a few days' visit.

John Andrew, Jr., who has been traveling with Beach & Bowers' minstrel show company, is home on a short visit.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Henry W. Sipe, Cushman ......Legal
Anna E. Chrisup, Hammond ....Legal
Charles A. Clapp, Springfield 35
Irene Troyman, Springfield 22
Ed A. Long, Chicago 19
Lena Whitley, Chicago 25

Dec. 15.

Mosquito.

Mrs. Herman Petzel was at Blue Mound Saturday.

Miss Dove and Fay Scott of Blue Mound visited J. R. Scott Saturday and Sunday.

Rudolph and Oscar Hemstead were at Decatur Monday.

George Curry, who has been husking corn in this vicinity, left for his home in the south Monday.

Quite a number are afflicted with eczema; some feared it was smallpox.

Mrs. Jack Bramble is reported among the sick.

Albert Glimmer went to Decatur Thursday.

Joe McVey was at Oshornville Thursday.

Thomas Bottrell transacted business in Decatur Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McVey did shopping at Decatur Friday.

John Hemstead is very poorly at this writing.

Dr. Hall was called to see Joe Kniseley Friday.

Dec. 13.

Warrensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dewein returned from Chicago Monday.

Mrs. Tozer received a telephone message on Saturday announcing the death of her niece, Miss Georgia Arnett, of Enos, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bullard of Bullardville, attended services at the M. E. Church Sunday.

Mrs. Kelly is visiting relatives in Ohio.

Mrs. Jennie Hesser of Illiopolis is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Binkley.

Misses Nell Crossman and Mabel Binkley visited Mrs. Fannie Crossman of Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Baumgartner and Mrs. Nottelman visited at Latham on Friday.

Sam Ritchie has purchased the old office belonging to Faith & Dewein and is moving it to the old creamery lot.

Miss Martha Bachelder of Warrensburg visited Decatur friends last week.

Mrs. Joseph Brown visited with Mrs. Wilson of Decatur last week.

The Joe Ritchie sale was well attended Thursday, despite the inclemency of the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strelck went to Olney Monday for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Geyer recently moved from the ranch to the Kepper residence.

Dec. 13.

Clinton.

A marriage license was issued Dec. 12 to Benjamin Nallie of Wapella and Lizzie Cox of Waynesville.

Joe Cardosi, an Italian brakeman on the Central, was arrested Friday evening by Chief Henson on a charge of stealing a watch from George Shimp at Mrs. Champney's.

Mrs. Maria Weed lectured at the M. E. church on Mormonism Sunday evening.

John Stace and James Murry are under arrest on a charge of stealing an overcoat from John McCarthy at the Clinton house.

Engineers H. A. Ball and Walter Owens, who have been employed by the Central out of here, have resigned their positions and will leave Tuesday for Horton, Kan., where they have similar positions with the Rock Island road.

A Reynolds will be given a hearing before 'Squire McPherson on Tuesday on a charge of selling liquor on Sunday.

The Sons of Rest will give a dance at their hall on the evening of Friday, Dec. 19, in honor of Miss Marie Hill of Louisville, Ky.

Moody Logan and Miss Bessie Fogart, both of Wapella, were granted a marriage license today.

Mrs. Amanda J. McClemans, aged 75, died at her home near Hallsville, on Sunday, after an illness of four weeks, caused by injuries sustained by falling. The funeral will be held from the Hallsville Christian church Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 11 a. m., Rev. Mavity officiating. Interment at McClinan's cemetery.

Dec. 16.

NO NEED OF MONEY.

Physicians Pay Little Attention to Collecting Small Fees.

The physicians of the city seem to be enjoying prosperity to such an extent that they do not collect small fees. The last legislature passed a law providing a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth reported. The reporting of the births seems to have been faithfully attended to by the doctors but many of them have never taken the trouble to collect their fees. County Treasurer Moffett has the money for them and is ready and anxious to pay in order to keep the book straight. Three quarters are already entered on the book which shows that a great many physicians have never made application for the money due them. One physician in Decatur has ten dollars coming and a number have three and five. They can get the money by calling on the treasurer.

THE RUSH BEGINS.

Express Companies Already Feel the Holiday's Approach.

The employes of the express companies are getting an extra bump on themselves in preparation for the increased business of the holidays. During the present week the outgoing business has picked up to such an extent as to be quite noticeable. Persons who are sending Christmas presents to distant places are starting them on their journey. For several days the express companies have had new men on the cars coaching them for extra service. The money order business at the post office has also picked up considerably during the past few days. Many persons instead of sending packages send money orders and let the recipients buy their own presents.

Soaked Him.

Venerable Singleton is still in jail. He has been soaked hard by the law. In the northern part of the county the tall Kentuckian ran amuck. He flourished a pair of guns and a pair of knucks and if all of his threats had been executed he would have depopulated several townships.

After his arrest he was fined for violating the ordinances of the village of Argenta. Then he was brought to Decatur and put under bonds to keep the peace for three months. Arraigned in the county court he pleaded guilty to carrying deadly weapons and was fined $40 and costs. Singleton stands 6 feet 2 inches and weighs 200 pounds, so that, when filled with fighting courage there was some excuse, those he threatened to feel alarmed. He has been tame since he was confined in the county jail.

From Soldiers' Home.

D. B. Landis who is now at the Soldiers' Home in Quincy writes to old army friends in this city that he is quite comfortably situated. In some respects he finds the home as good as that at Danville while in others it is deficient. He does not think that the quarters are as good but the fare is better.

Births.

Baldwin—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Baldwin, West Wood street, Tuesday, December 16, a daughter.

Welch—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Welch, 815 West Decatur street, Tuesday, December 16, a daughter.

Presidential Dinner.

Washington, Dec. 16—The president entertained at dinner tonight Secretary Moody, Senators Allison, Hale, Gallinger, Perkins, Hanna, Speakers Henderson, Representatives Grosvenor, Dalzell, Cannon, Foss, Dayton and General Grenville M. Dodge.

Tax Collection.

The annual tax collecting time is drawing near. TThe collectors will begin their work on the 10th day of January and have until the first of March in which to complete the work.

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, Waterbrash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at the drug stores of John E. King, McNier & Horral and N. L. Krone.

TURKEYS SCARCE

One Farmer Sold a Bunch Yesterday at Fourteen Cents Per Pound Live Weight.

LOCAL DEMAND IS VERY LIGHT.

Grocers Send Men to Country to Buy .... Christmas Turkeys.

The demand for turkeys is more brisk than ever known in this section of the country and the prices are higher. The shippers declare that they cannot sell the fowl to the retail trade in Decatur because the people here will not pay the price and that all of the turkeys that they can get are being sent east. The situation has come to that point where each huckster knows each individual "bunch" of turkeys in the country and generally too he knows just how many birds there are in each bunch.

One farmer who came from the north part of the county yesterday said that he had sold his turkeys for 14 cents per pound live weight. That is two cents above the average price for live weight turkeys. No dealer could be found who would admit that he had ever paid as much as 14 cents live weight for turkeys. The most that any would admit was 12 1-2 cents per pound. They all agreed that they had paid the latter figure but it was for prime, plump young birds.

The grocers are hustling for turkeys for their Christmas trade. They say that the competition among the shippers has put the price to that point where they can not buy from the latter and sell the birds at retail and come out whole. Turkeys at 14 cents live weight would mean a third that much more per pound when it had been dressed and the average man does not care to pay that much for his Christmas turkey. When large manufacturing concerns give turkeys to their employes at Christmas time they give the unmarried men their choice of a turkey or a dollar. If any of them make that offer this year it is likely that the men will take the turkey because he can sell an ordinary turkey at half that much more and then the buyer would be getting in on the ground floor.

Some of the grocers have sent men into the country to find enough turkeys for their blooded Christmas customers. One grocer said: "It is not so much the price that induces me to go into the country to look for poultry as it is that I want to be absolutely certain that I can have the fowls for the trade. In spite of the price, and the cry that no one will buy them at that rate, it is certain that when Christmas time comes, unless I go to the country, I will get left. If I depend on the poultry houses when Christmas times comes they will have a rush of orders and there will not be enough to go around. I have been against that thing in other years and know what I may expect. I will not promise turkeys to any one unless I have them in the house when I make the promise. I had a man out today and he bought several dozen chickens and twenty turkeys. I don't know what he had to pay for the turkeys but I'll venture to say that he did not pay any more than is demanded by the shippers. But the shippers do not make any more money now than they do when the prices are away down because by reason of the competition they bid up the price to that point where their margin is small.

SAVES HALF MILLION.

State Not Required to Refund the Insurance Tax.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 16.—The Supreme court held today that the state was not compelled to repay insurance companies money paid under the two per cent act, which was declared illegal by the supreme court four months ago. The decision saves the state $500,000.

The Floods in the South.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 16—The flood situation in Tennessee and Mississippi is still grave. Few railroads have repaired the damages.

The situation in Arkansas has improved and trains are running more regularly.

Gypsies Freeze to Death.

Vienna, Dec. 16—Eighteen gypsies, encamped at Blaseney, near Ara, Hungary, have been frozen to death.

Many persons in other parts of the country also met death as a result of the intense cold weather.

Ordered to Leave.

Caracas, Dec. 16—The Italian minister to Venezuela has received orders from Rome to leave Caracas tomorrow morning. He will go on board of the Italian cruiser.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 16—Vaderland from Antwerp; Nomadic from Liverpool.

Glasgow—Sarmatian, from Portland; Corean from Boston.

Meville—Tunisian from St. John and Halifax, for Liverpool.

Engineer Instantly Killed.

Owatonna, Minn., Dec. 16.—The Chicago and Northwestern freight backed into the engine of a passenger train here today. The engineer, Wasky, of the passenger train was instantly killed and the fireman injured.

Legal Holiday.

Washington, Dec. 16—Representative Martin of South Dakota, introduced a bill today making October 21 the anniversary of the discovery of America a legal holiday to be known as Columbus Day.

Filipino Governors Meet.

Manila, Dec. 16—The governors of thirty-five provinces have assembled here to consider various matters. It is the first elective representative body of Filipinos ever assembled.

Arbitration is Doubtful.

Cologne, Dec. 16.—The Gazette publishes a dispatch from Berlin which says it is doubtful if at the present stage the Venezuelan difficulty arbitration can be considered by Germany. Germany can afford to await the dispatch adds, the outcome of the situation that is very uncomfortable for Castro.

Football Captain.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—John S Bender, for two years half back of the University of the Nebraska football team, was elected captain for 1903.

Foils a Deadly Attack.

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache. 25c at the drug stores of John E. King, McNier & Horrall, and N. L. Krone.

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Ralston Health Shoes, waterproof, Union made, a pair........ $4

H. & H.'s Special, a pair, $3.00 and..... $3.50

Strong line of Men's Solid Shoes, a pair $1.25 to........ $2.50

Great variety of Fancy Slippers.

Big Stock of Men's Felt Boots, a pair $2.00 to........ $3

Plenty of Long Legged Rubber Boots.

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Elkskins and Enamels, Blucher Cut, a pair........ $3.50

Patent Colt, Lace, a pair........ $3.50

Vici and Box Calf, Lace, a pair........ $3

Vici Kid, Box Calf and Kangaroo Calf, a pair........ $2

Rough Riders and Screamers, a pair........ $1.50

Smaller sizes in Rough Riders and Screamers, a pair........ $1.35

Plenty of Boys' Slippers.

FOR GIRLS' WEAR

Patent Leathers for dress, a pair........ $2

Princess for Dress, a pair........ $1.75

H. & H's. Special for Street, a pair........ $1.50

Bad Weather Shoes, a pair $1.25 to........ $2

A long line of Red Romeo Felt Slippers, a pair........ $1

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NEARBY TOWNS

Long Creek.

Miss Cynthia Taylor went to Clinton Friday expecting to be gone several days visiting relatives there.

Dr. May of Mt. Zion was called today to see M. C. Greenfield, who is suffering with rheumatism and has been confined to his room for several days.

Miss Mable Black, who has been visiting at Warrensburg for several days, returned Friday.

Mrs. George Ashmore of Decatur visited with her sister, Mrs. M. D. Lindsey, last week.

Dec. 15.

Boody.

The postoffice has been moved into the Lower property.

D. Morenzy and daughter visited in Decatur Tuesday.

R. A. Thornill has accepted a position at the Wabash roundhouse.

Dr. Matthews found several cases of chickenpox in his rounds last week, but no smallpox.

William Daboldt and family have moved to Decatur.

Invitations have been issued announcing the wedding of Miss Mable Coleman and Isaac Crite of Cerro Gordo at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coleman, two and one-half miles north of here, Dec. 25.

Dec. 18.

Macon.

Jess Hight of Dalton was home over Sunday.

Mrs. O. H. Hill and children were in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. E. L. Hight and daughter, Zella, were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herbert left Sunday for Clinton where they will make their future home.

Fred Wheeler of Chicago visited his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. Cazalet, a few days last week.

Misses Maud and Tena Cook were in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. Lillian Montgomery is visiting with J. A. Montgomery and family in Decatur.

W. E. Moser and daughter, Celia, were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Dec. 18.

Cisco.

Mrs. Ernest Ruehl was called to Orana Tuesday by the serious illness of Mrs. A. D. Stewart.

Mrs. J. E. Marshall was in Argenta Tuesday.

Mrs. W. E. McCartney was shopping in Decatur Tuesday.

Charles Daves, William Evey and Dr. L. T. Pease were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

R. E. Barr returned to Decatur Tuesday.

C. E. Marvin was a Monticello visitor Tuesday.

C. Minick was in Decatur Monday, J. G. Kile was in Argenta Monday.

Mrs. I. L. Hanson was shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. Buckhart and Miss Buckhart returned to their home from a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Oscar Doir, who has been quite ill.

Mrs. G. E. Harlan and Miss Myrtle Melvin were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. Marvin of Monticello visited her son, C. E. Marvin, and family a few days last week.

Dec. 18.

La Place.

Mr. Shively of Bloomington was the guest of his uncle, Isaac Shively, over Sunday.

Walter Adams has been ailing for some time.

Mrs. Wolfe moved into her new house last week.

Mrs. J. P. Overstake spent Monday in Decatur.

Lafayette Norris has moved his harness shop into Leonard Wise's building on the north side.

Dr. Ellis of Cerro Gordo made a professional call here Tuesday.

The German Baptists held a meeting Saturday afternoon to attend to business connected with the church.

Weeden Greene is expected home Friday to spend the holidays. He will be out two weeks on vacation from Purdue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dobson returned Monday from a visit with the family of Dr. Dobson of Arthur.

Vivian Greene spent last week in Decatur the guest of Gyp Maffit. She returned Tuesday.

The pupils of Mr. Underwood's room gave a box social Saturday evening and cleared about thirty dollars. One cake was voted to Miss Mary Hobson as the most popular young lady, the cake netting $12.50.

Dec. 19.

Maroa.

The Methodist Sunday school is preparing a program for Christmas eve. They will also have a Christmas tree.

The public schools will close for the holiday vacation on Wednesday, the 24th inst., and remain closed until Jan. 5th. Miss Shinn will go to her home at Griggsville, Miss Slemons to her home at Paris, and Miss Ledden will spend her vacation at her home in Dewitt county. Most of the teachers will attend the state teachers' association at Springfield.

C. Hoff, sheriff of Dewitt county, was in Macon on Tuesday on business.

Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Anderson left on Tuesday for Houston, Texas.

Samuel Kepler, who has been visiting in Decatur for several days, came home on Tuesday.

Dick Adams, rural mail carrier on Route No. 3, from Maroa, let his team get away from him at Emery on Monday. His mail wagon was considerably damaged.

Rev. D. T. Miles was in Decatur on Tuesday.

Frank Fowman has rented the Persinger corner and will soon move his restaurant into the same.

Our schools are progressing nicely. Pupils and teachers seem to be taking great interest in their work.

T. C. Grady was in Bloomington on Tuesday on business.

'Squire Crandall and J. M. Biddle transacted business in Decatur last Tuesday.

James B. Cale of More, La., left for his home on Tuesday's excursion.

Uriah Bricker was in Decatur on Tuesday.

B. T. Jump moved into his property on Walnut street on Tuesday last.

Fred Wikoff has moved into the residence property of Charles Stoutenborough on First South street.

Mark Tozer was in Decatur on last Tuesday.

Charles Fosler now occupies the blacksmith shop formerly operated by John Williams.

Miss Blanche Moyer has been assisting in the Citizens' bank for a few days.

Considerable corn is coming into the Maroa market.

Dick Creel is still confined to the house with rheumatism.

Walker Smith has gone south after a car load of mules.

G. L. Miller returned from a business trip to Texas last Saturday.

Dr. Reed, presiding elder of the Decatur district, held quarterly meeting at the Methodist church last Saturday and Sunday.

Royal Lodge, No. 109, K. of P., will give a supper at their banquet hall on New Year's evening.

Thomas Costello is spending a good deal of his time in New Orleans, in the interest of the grain business.

The different rooms of the schools will have appropriate Christmas exercises on the day before Christmas.

C. F. Crum, the grocer, who had the misfortune to have his foot mashed by the cars on Thanksgiving day, is slowly recovering.

Silas Berkshire has moved into the Dr. McLean property on the west side.

The corn shellers are running full blast in the country now.

Schenck Stoutenborough has moved into the property he recently purchased from Mrs. Lydia E. Parker Bates.

Dec. 17.

WHAT SHALL I BUY FOR HER? IT'S A MAN, OF COURSE, WHO ASKS THE QUESTION. COME IN HERE AND LET US SHOW YOU WHAT ALL LADIES ALWAYS LIKE. WE TAKE BACK OR EXCHANGE ANYTHING UNSATISFACTORY. FOLRATH'S SHOE STORE.

HARD TO GET A FOUNDATION.

Difficulties Engineers Find in Putting Up New Orleans Skyscrapers.

"They are planning to put up a fourteen-story building in New Orleans," said N. D. McDonald of the Crescent City, at the Riggs. "The highest we have now is eight stories. To find out what will be necessary in the way of a foundation they have driven down a pile, blunt end, through New Orleans mud to a distance of fifty feet, where they struck sand. The engineer in charge says this is a sufficient base, and perhaps it is, but it seems hardly enough for a fourteen-story structure when buildings of much less height, as, for instance, the custom house and the cotton exchange buildings, have sunk and are sinking.

"The latter building is just across the street from the site of the contemplated skyscraper. When the drainage sewer was built it was necessary to drive piles down forty feet, then cut them off about half way down and lay the pipes on the foundation so left.

"As showing the condition of the land there, a few years ago a well was drilled nearly 2,000 feet, and from this flows pure sea water, not brackish water, like that of the river, nor that of the gulf at the river's mouth, but sea water, green or blue according as it looks to you. You can understand how strange this is when you remember that pure sea water is sixty miles below New Orleans.—Washington Post.

An Honest Statement.

Mr. William Acton of 212 Fourth street, Lincoln, Ill., says: "Our daughter, aged 16, was suffering with a severe cough and cold on her lungs. Common remedies seemed to afford no relief and myself and her mother feared pneumonia or consumption. She began taking Harts' Honey and Horehound and in less than two weeks was entirely cured. We always recommend Harts' Honey and Horehound to any one suffering with a deep seated cough or cold. Sold by all druggists.

It is all right for a fast horse to attempt to lower his record, but when a man attempts a similar feat it is all wrong.

TOOK HIS FRIENDS ADVICE.

Because of It, Van Duzer Is Now a Nevada Congressman.

Congressman-Elect Van Duzer of Nevada was a few years since a young practicing lawyer in Washington. He was doing well in his profession, and had been a year married when one evening, in a little circle of friends, he exclaimed:

"Everything in Wasrington belongs to the congressman; all the rights and privileges. There is nothing left for anybody else. I'm tired of it, tired of seeing them get everything.'

"Why don't you go west to some of the sparsely settled states and run for congress yourself,' inquired some friend.

The idea seemed a new one to him, and he reflected upon it. His young wife encouraged it, and planned various economies while he was making his way. He listened to the plans and suggestions, and began to see a way.

"I'll do it," said he. "I'll go to Nevada. I will be back in Washington in five years."

That was five years ago exactly, and after a close race, Mr. Van Duzer was elected to the Fifty-Eighth congress, and the little circle of friends who encouraged him to enter on his successful career are now waiting to give him and his clever little wife a warm welcome back to Washington.—New York Daily News.

"Big Injun" Gets Work.

Indians in large numbers are going to work along the railroads in northern Nebraska because of the interior department. Among those who applied for work recently was the son of the famous Sitting Bull, the most noted chief of the Sioux in American history.

Young Sitting Bull handled his shovel with a stoicism that was impressive.

Better Than a Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by all druggists.

DISRAELI'S LETTERS

Written In An Early Day Show His Contempt for Love.

The recent sale of a batch of letters written by Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield) to his sister, before the days of his fame, brought to light some interesting passages in which "Dizzy," as he always was to his sister, was very candid.

In describing a visit to Wyndham Lewis, he writes:

"By the by, would you like Lady Z. for a sister-in-law? She is very clever, has $250,000, and is domestic. As for love, all my friends who married for love or beauty either beat their wives or live apart from them. This is literally the case. I may commit many follies in life, but I never intend to marry for love, which, I am sure, is a guarantee of infelicity."

Within four years Disraeli married Wyndham Lewis' prosperous widow.

In a letter written four years before he became a member of parliament, Disraeli thus describes a debate in the house of commons:

"It was one of the finest we have had in years. Bulwer spoke, but is physically disqualified, and, in spite of all his exertions, can never succeed. I heard Macauley's best speeches, and Shell and Charles Grant. Macaulay was admirable, but, between ourselves I could floor them all. This is entre nous. I have never been more confident of anything that that I coul carry everything before me in the house. The time will come."

"Though your lot be obscure," said the man with the reedy voice, "do not despair."

"No," answered the man who doesn't pretend to philosophize; "the only thing to do is to hang on to the lot and hope for a real estate boom."—Washington Star.

Painless Dentistry

Does not equal a painless laxative. Mr. C. L. Hizer of Lincoln, Ill., says: "I have been a sufferer from constipation for the past twelve years, with severe griping pains in my bowels nearly every day. Since I began taking Re Go Tonic Laxative Syrup my bowels have moved freely without griping. It is certainly a wonderful laxative. Sold by all druggists.

THREE CASES OF SHARK BITE.

These Came Under the Personal Observation of Dr. J. A. Guthrie, U. S. N.

The old controversy as to whether a shark will really bite a human being has been settled, seemingly for good, by Dr. J. A. Guthrie, U. S. N., who has sent to the Medical Journal an account of three cases which came under his personal observation while serving in the Philippines. One case was that of S. McK., a first class apprentice. In the summer of 1901 he was swimming with a firing party which had encamped about three miles from Iloilo, when a shark bit his left leg off above the knee. A record of this case is found in the log of the Annapolis. The next case was that of a Molusso Moro, who was treated by Dr. Guthrie. The man was in his fish weir taking his catch with his hands when a shark which had been entrapped bit him in the right thigh, carrying away a large part of the extensor muscles of the leg. The next case, which happened on June 8, 1902, was similar to the preceding one. The man had been bitten in the face, the shark getting away with his nose and the greater part of his right cheek. As there is absolutely no doubt about these cases it looks as if another tradition had been shattered.

A Russian Croesus.

Harry De Windt, the Arctic explorer, lecturing in London, told a curious story of a Russian Croesus whom he met during his overland journey from Paris to New York. It was at Irkutsk, in far distant Siberia, and the man of millions, who lived in a fine house and employed a French chef, proved an excellent host. Luxuriously furnished rooms were placed at the disposal of Mr. De Windt and his companions. As for the millionaire himself, he took his nightly rest upon a couch formed of three chairs placed side by side, and never troubled to undress.

"She's hunting for a husband."

"Why, she's married!"

"I know it. She's hunting for the one she's married to."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Early frost catches the building genius.

You want to let the pe[ople] know what you want [by] putting a want "ad" in [the] Decatur Herald want [bar]gain column

TWENTY-THI[RD]

A COURT SCAND[AL]

THE CROWN PRINCESS OF SA[XO]NY HAS DISAPPEARED A[ND] SUICIDE IS SUGGESTED.

AN ELOPEMENT HINTED

Royal Relatives Unable to Locate ... Appeal to The Public for Ai[d]

Dresden, Dec. 22—The crown [prin]cess of Saxony fled from her home the night of December 12 or 13, according to the Dresden journal. [She] is said to have suddenly, in a stat[e of in]tense mental excitement dese[rted] her family at Salzburg and to ... gone abroad. Saxon court funct[ions] for the winter have been cancelled.

The foregoing paragraph in tod[ay's] official journal which was inserted ... of the king and crown prince ... Saxony, has turned into a truth, w... for several days past, has been ... garded as an incredible tale. ... crown princess of Saxony, surroun[ded] by her ladies in waiting and numer[ous] attendants and servants of the r[oyal] household has vanished so utterly t[hat] the police of every kingdom of Eur[ope] have for ten days been unable to t... The official announcement ... in order to obtain the aid of [the] general public in finding the prince[ss] and because the court fiction that [she] preferred to remain in retirement [at] Salzburg rather than return to [her] husband and children at Dresden [could] not longer be maintained.

Accompanied by the crown prin[ce], the princess went to the castle of E[m]peror Francis Joseph, near Salzbu[rg], a month ago. A week after their [ar]rival at the castle, the prince bro[ke] his leg while hunting and was brou[ght] back to Dresden, but the prince[ss], however, remained at the castle. W... and so the people of the court ... know, except that, with gloomy ... the princess usually goes wh[ere] she pleases, and for a little while t[he] explanation sufficed, but gos[sip] soon reached Dresden. This was th[at] during the night of December 11, [a] ... figure was found in the pl[ace of] the princess in her bed. Since th[en] she had not been seen nor heard [of] notwithstanding the most caref[ul] search and inquiry.

The theory of suicide was suggeste[d] ... fruitless search for the princess ... body has been made. All ponds and other pieces of water in the vicinity of the castle have been dragg[ed] without result.

The disappearance of the princess doubtless will cause the circulation [of] many stories. It is already reported s[he] has eloped, but inquiries made he[re] have brought out nothing to substa[nti]ate or support this statement.

Said to Be Insane.

Vienna, Dec. 22—The flight of t[he] crown princess of Saxony caused gre[at] excitement here. It is reported th[at] Archduke Ferdinand, accompanied b[y] the court chamberlain, went to Ge[neva], whither it was supposed the prin[cess] has fled, but failed to find an[y] trace of her.

The princess' brother, Archduke L[eo]pold Ferdinand, is said to be wi[th] her, but nothing can be ascertained as to her whereabouts.

It is officially explained the prin[cess'] disappearance is due to a men[tal] derangement. There is litt[le] doubt, however, it was caused by do[mes]tic discord growing out of th[e] ...and's relations with an actre[ss] of the Dresden court theatre. It [is] asserted the princess frequent[ly] threatened flight on this account, at... that she was incensed at her fathe[r], the grand duke of Tuscany, for com[pel]ling her to forgive her husband. S[he] is said to be enciente.

It is rumored here tonight that th[e] princess was accompanied by th[e] French tutor of her children.

QUACK DOCTORS CONVICTED

Of Using the Mails for Fraudulen[t] Purposes.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22—Doctor[s] Peebles, Bobo and Green of the Pe[ebles] Institute of health, Battle Creek, Mich., were convicted in the Unite[d] States court here today of violatin[g] the postal laws. It was charged th[at] advertisements of their mental "cure" by mail for all sorts of ills, constitute[d] an attempt to obtain money by fraud. During the trial, Bobo testified he be[lieved] Peebles had healing powers lik[e th]at of Jesus, only smaller. Bobo ad[mitted a] letter that if a patient at a distance procured Peebles' signed instructions and followed them faithfully the cure would not be effective if the patient had not paid the fee.

Want a Raise.

[Mil]waukee, Wis. Dec. 22—The griev[ance] committee of the engineers an[d fire]men of the Wisconsin Central hel[d a] conference today with Superinten[de]nt Potter, in regard to raising th[e wa]ges of the employes. The demand [ca]lls for practically a readjustment o[f the] entire wage scale. The matter wil[l co]me up for settlement next month.

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